

CLATSOP COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH 1945 TO 65



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3000 Sign For X-Rays

The Clatsop County Public Health association announced today that the number of persons already signed up to have a free chest X-ray has nearly reached the maximum that can be taken care of while the unit is in the county. It is expected that 3000 to 3500 may be taken in the allotted time.

Persons who are acting as chairmen in the various localities and others who are assisting in making arrangements for the visit of the mobile X-ray survey unit in the county are as follows: In Seaside the committee is headed by Mrs. J. E. S. Buchanan with Mrs. A. E. Brown and Guy Haney as co-chairmen; in Jewell, Lee Wooden; in Warrenton, Harold Dishaw, C. A. Weaver and George Beyer; at the Astoria Marine Construction company, H. C. Desler and J. H. Salvo; at the port docks location, F. R. Halderman and H. Turley; from the fishing industry, Henry Goodrich, Fred Sander, L. F. Mills, Otto Buman and C. M. Love. Those helping in the downtown area are: Dr. Dorothea Scoville, Dan Hall, Lester Horton, Les Plummer, Mrs. Sybil Grohn, Virgil Aker, Don Mitchell, Lura Skyles and James Kelley. The Knappa-Svensen and Brownmanned area is being handled by Mrs. David Donaldson, Mrs. Hilda Lahti and Mrs. W. E. Lottman; Bradwood and Clifton chairmen are Mrs. J. E. Thompson and Mrs. Velma Babicky and Mrs. Leo Quinlan heads a committee working in Westport and Wauna.

In addition to these persons, school principals and teachers throughout the county are helping to make the initial check.

Arthur Dempsey is arranging for the proper power requirements in each locality. Mrs. Florence Dumas and Henry Niemela of the CIO and Eli McConkey of the AFL union are assisting in the work with the union groups.

Astoria Safe City

SALEM, Ore. (UP)—Astoria and The Dalles won the first prizes of the first two divisions in the Oregon cities traffic safety contest for 1944. Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell Jr. announced today.

Astoria won the 10,000 population or more division, on the basis of a clean record, with no traffic deaths for the year. It was followed by Medford and Eugene.

Third division winner was Newport, followed by Corvallis and Springfield (2500 to 5000) while Warrenton took first in the fourth (1000 to 2500) division, with Enterprise and Sheridan running up.

The contest was based on the traffic accident rates for 1944 compared with the cities' previous three-year average.

Winners will be awarded safety plaques, Farrell said.

Unofficially, Clatsop county was the safest traffic spot in the state, on the basis of the contest. Two of the first place winners, Astoria and Warrenton, are in the county.

Snell Approves Hospital Survey

SALEM, Ore. (UP)—Gov. Earl Snell today signed house bill 395, which provides for a survey of the hospital and public health centers of the state.

The bill, introduced to the Oregon legislature last month by the joint ways and means committee, sets up an advisory council of seven members, and also provides for the planning and approval of construction plans for additional facilities for hospitals.

It is in line with the federal government's proposed expenditure of \$300,000,000 for hospitals after the war.

The governor also signed a bill giving veterans of World War II preference in public employment.

322 Bike Riders Oregon Traffic Accident Toll

A total of 322 bicycle riders were involved in traffic accidents in Oregon during the year 1944, with 10 fatalities resulting from these collisions, according to Robert S. Farrell, secretary of state.

Of the total, 235 accidents, or 68 per cent, involved unsafe riding practices on the part of the cyclist, Farrell said. These unsafe practices included, in this order: attempting maneuver under unsafe conditions, inattention, side-swipe, entering street carelessly, making sudden turn across traffic, hitting parked car, trying to avoid a vehicle or pedestrian under emergency conditions.

Eighty per cent of the fatal accidents involved riders 5 to 14 years of age and the same percentage of fatalities involved riders in unsafe practices at the time of the accident.

Of the 10 fatalities, six occurred in rural areas and four in cities, indicating a need for greater care on the part of the bicyclist on rural highways, according to Farrell. Making a sudden turn across the path of an approaching car and riding across streets between intersections were the two chief factors in fatal bike accidents.

Seventy per cent of the fatalities occurred during hours of daylight.

Per capita consumption of ice cream in the United States, in normal times, is nearly three gallons a year.

3000 Take Chest Film Service Here

A total of 3001 persons underwent miniature chest X-rays during the 10 days the mobile chest X-ray survey unit worked in Clatsop county under sponsorship of the Clatsop County Public Health association. The unit completed its work in the county Friday surveying employees of the Westport and Wauna lumber companies.

The unit took over 400 chest X-rays at the downtown location at the Viking theater, with assistance of Mrs. R. A. Fedje, Mrs. Henry Niemi, Mrs. A. Crohn, Miss Laina Puusti, Mrs. Floyd Keith and Mrs. Dan Akon, volunteers.

Adults Numerous

So many adults requested the service that it was not possible to schedule high school seniors or children in family groups as had been the original intention, the health association said. The only children X-rayed were positive reactors to the tuberculin test, contact cases, or other special cases which the county health department asked to have checked.

Those who have had the chest X-ray will be notified of the findings within a few weeks. Readings on the films showing abnormalities will be referred to the county health officer for further investigation, after which the patient will be referred to his own private physician for diagnosis and treatment.

The health association has expressed hope that this service will again be made available to Clatsop county persons next year. The entire cost of the survey was paid for with Christmas seal funds.

Clinic Appointments

The county health office today opened registration for the annual orthopedic clinic which will be conducted here early in April. A specialist from the state health department will come to view children who have orthopedic defects needing attention. Appointments are required and may be made by telephoning the health office, No. 519.

Diphtheria Closes Molalla School

MOLALLA, Ore. (UP)—Because of prevalence of diphtheria in this Clackamas county town of 996 population, the grade school and theater were closed today.

The school was closed for a week and the theater closed as a precautionary measure after 19 cases of diphtheria and 17 other cases diagnosed as "probable."

Said Dr. Dan P. Trullinger, county health officer: "For a town of this size, it amounts to an epidemic."

X-Ray Unit Has Overflow Crowd

A total of 297 persons appeared for chest X-rays Tuesday when the mobile X-ray unit was in front of the Viking theater, Mrs. Harvey Abel, secretary of the Clatsop County Health association, said today. Normal capacity of the unit is 200 persons daily, but the overflow was handled with only a few delays, she said.

The unit will be at the theater until 3 p. m. this evening for men and women who have already made appointments, and will then move east in the county.

Hearing Tests

Miss Rebecca Overstreet, audiometrist from the state health department, has been in the county this week re-testing children who were formerly tested for hearing and referred to physicians. She worked in Westport and Wauna on Monday, in Seaside and Gearhart on Tuesday and in Astoria Wednesday and today.

Hawk Hero In Rat War; DFC Hoped

A beady-eyed Cooper's hawk, the nearest thing to a feathered dive-bomber seen in these parts, has cast his lot with the U. S. public health department and is waging a one-bird war on Astoria's rats at a vacant downtown lot between Commercial and Duane.

Webster says such hawks customarily feast on field mice. But Astoria's fierce little bird of prey has been graduated from the minor to the major leagues. So what is he doing? Why, this hawk is liquidating rats almost as large as himself, and very neatly, to boot.

For two weeks the hawk, working a morning and afternoon shift, has perched on either the Dixie bakery or Zero Zone buildings, watching alertly the nefarious activities of rats in the vacant lot between. When one of the rodents is so silly as to leave his fox-hole—swish! "Horrible Harry the Hawk" is on him. The hawk holds his wings flat to his sturdy body, drops from the building and goes into a screaming vertical dive. With talons extended like little ivory spikes, Harry makes a vicious pass at the rattled rat.

Sometimes he misses. But when the hawk's weapons strike home, well it's all over but the cleaning. That comes next.

Quinn Watches

Joe Quinn, butcher for Zero Zone, has a ringside seat at battle. When Joe isn't cutting meat he is busy as a sort of war correspondent to report on this theater. Quinn says the hawk knocks over about two rats a day, one each shift.

Harry subdues his quarry, then hoses it to a nearby stump. There he lightens the very dead rat, eliminating all unnecessary weight such as interior furnishings. Then Harry takes the prize and flaps off to the unknown spot, perhaps to the vine-covered cottage and the little woman therein. But he comes back.

The rats, about whose intelligence not much is known, appear to be very dumb creatures, indeed. Although they have lost some of their numbers in recent weeks, the dumb-bells keep coming out for more.

No information is at hand whether or not the public health service is recommending the use of this distinguished flying cross for Harry the Hawk. He has proved certainly as effective as pounds of rat poison in turning back the rodent tide. Furthermore he doesn't leave the carcasses around to die in basements, which condition has been known to be as distressing as rats on the hoof.

Or more so.

Cancer Control Memorial Fixed

SALEM, Ore. (UP)—The last two weeks of April will be dedicated to the control of cancer in Oregon, Governor Earl Snell said today.

Citing the fact that cancer is the second greatest cause of death in the country, the governor said that 1938 lives were lost to the disease in Oregon alone last year.

"It is evident that public health can be greatly benefited by a more general understanding of the educational, special service and research campaigns in this field," Governor Snell said.

He asked for full public cooperation toward an increased awareness of cancer control possibilities.

Warrenton Plans Water Structure

WARRENTON, (Special)—The city of Warrenton has engaged Ray C. Hansen, civil engineer of Portland, to design a new dam and intake structure for its water system.

Need for this new dam has been apparent for several seasons because of the condition of the old dam which was built of logs a quarter of a century ago. The growth of Warrenton's civilian population and the addition of military establishments requiring Warrenton water make the summer season one of considerable doubt for the water department.

The new structure which will be of concrete, will increase the water supply by impounding water now being lost through leakage in the old dam. This additional supply will insure adequate water for the city and military establishments.

Hansen, who was in Warrenton this week conferring with City Manager Baldwin, stated that a drilling crew would start exploration of the foundation of the stream bed at once and the survey in conjunction should be finished so that complete plans and specifications should be finished by the last of July.

Immunization of Children Asked

Immunization of infants and pre-school children against diphtheria and whooping cough are urged today by the Clatsop county health department.

Dr. Dorothea H. Scoville, county health officer, said this work may be done by the family physician or by the health department. At the health department offices in the Flavel building, immunization hours are 1 to 3 p. m. Wednesdays and 9 to 11 a. m. Saturdays.

City Obtains Recreational Survey Help

The Astoria city commission last night resolved to ask assistance of Roger Folgate of the federal security agency in making a survey of Astoria's children and adult recreation possibilities, and the request was granted today by chief of the government's recreational division in Washington, D. C.

Meeting with the Astoria school board, the city commission heard an outlined proposal for an established joint city-school recreational program, put forward by representatives of the Astoria Athletic association. The action only assures a survey from which some concrete plans will be laid to utilize, under full-time supervision, the parks, play fields, schools, gymnasiums, playgrounds, shops and community recreation center in the city.

Other Examples Cited

Bob Lucas, speaking for the athletic association, discussed plans adopted by other cities, by which increased attention to community recreation has been accepted as joint responsibilities of the schools and city. Lucas pointed to the record of the athletic association, which since 1927 has developed a year-around series of sports events that have given entertainment to thousands of local people, in addition to bringing Astoria a wealth of publicity. He said an organized program would not only include athletics, but would make available all the city's recreational sources for their fullest use.

Motives for asking the survey was put by A. W. Norblad, member of the school board, and seconded by Commissioner Anton Sorenson.

Mayor Orval Eaton, who has been chairman of the athletic association, pointed out that the job that has been undertaken by the athletic group has "out-grown the limits of that group," which needs and should have the help of all the people.

A. C. Hampton, superintendent of schools here, pointed out the potential among the schools for developing community programs without a great deal of cost.

A letter asking Folgate's assistance was wired by Eaton to Sherwood Gates, chief of the state's community services section. Folgate was authorized to undertake the work immediately, and Eaton was so advised from Senator Wayne L. Morse this morning.

Rat Bait Slated For Distribution

Rat baiting will be done in the county Wednesday and Thursday by Dr. Dorothea H. Scoville, county health officer, and Albert Swain, rodent control representative of the fish and wild life service.

Request for aid with control of rats should be placed at the county health office, 519, by Tuesday evening, Dr. Scoville said today. She explained that it is necessary that most of the rat work be done while Swain is here, because her other duties prevent her giving much time to control of the rodents.

She added, "It is gratifying to see that some of the Astoria restaurants are making thorough renovations. Such work will aid immeasurably in keeping down rat infestation in the city."

Venered Disease Control Studied

PORTLAND, Ore. (UP)—Adopting the name "Civic Action, Inc.," a citizens' law enforcement committee has been incorporated as a permanent organization to study the venered disease control program in Portland, it was announced today.

The group was formed a month ago after federal security agency officials and a Portland city club report raised conflict on vice conditions in Portland.

Mayville, the joint army-navy disciplinary control board of the 13th naval district and the 9th service command met in Portland yesterday on the vice question. Complete repression of prostitution is sought by the board.

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Putnam Says Ore. Schools Threatened

SALEM, Ore. (UP)—Oregon, traditionally one of the best educated and most literate states in the union, has suffered great damage to its educational facilities due to the war. And it is facing a situation which, during the next few years, may result in a deplorable condition in its schools.

At present, Oregon is on top of the educational heap. A recent survey of soldiers in the U. S. army showed that Oregonians were only eight-tenths of one per cent "educationally deficient" compared with a national average many times that figure.

"Educationally deficient" means either totally illiterate, or possessing no more than a fourth grade, or no more than a fourth grade education. The survey was made by the U. S. Chamber of Commerce.

Oregon Is Nation's First

Figures related by Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction, show that Oregon is highest in the nation, and that all west coast states are in the top bracket—with Washington showing only 12 per cent deficiency and California 2.8. New York, in comparison, has a 14 per cent rating.

But this high standing is threatened, Putnam says. Because of present and potential conditions Oregon may face one of two alternatives: (1) to close schools; and (2) to cut teacher requirements to the point where educational standards are "critically endangered."

What is this danger, and where is the threat?

Oregon has a normal teaching complement of around 8000. Of these, at present, more than 25 per cent, or one quarter, are teaching on wartime "emergency" certificates. A large number of these teachers are "sub-standard," and would be unable to obtain ordinary teaching credentials. (Many, of course, are doing excellent, patriotic jobs).

Teachers Leave

A total of more than 1500 persons now teaching have indicated that they will not return next year.

There are 500 vacancies on the teaching staffs of the state—empty desks which cannot be filled. More than 700 teachers have indicated that they want to resign, thus creating the danger of an even more serious shortage of teachers.

Thus we see that there will be

Orthopedic Clinic

The county health department's annual orthopedic clinic will be Thursday between 9 and 12 a. m. and 1 and 2 p. m. in the health office at the Flavel building. Dr. C. E. Carlson orthopedic specialist of Portland will conduct the examinations

with assistance of Dr. Dorothea H. Scoville, county health officer, and the county health nurses.

For the first time in our history, an organization has been created on a national scale to carry on a war against cancer which takes as much toll of life as does the war on our multiple fronts. The American Cancer society is now organized in every state and this month will put on a drive for a five million dollar fund with which to fight the disease which causes the death of 160,000 people annually. The fight will be on a three-fold basis: education as to the early symptoms of cancer; special service in the field of cancer; and cancer research.

Dr. Clarence Cook Little, head of the society and director of the Jackson memorial laboratory at Bar Harbor, Maine, which is concerned with biological research on this disease, is authority for the statement, "Of all the highly fatal diseases, cancer is most often curable." Cancer he says, takes a heavier toll of life in this country than all of the contagious and infectious diseases put together, a heavier toll by sixty per cent. Such diseases as infantile paralysis, tuberculosis, measles, diphtheria, syphilis, influenza, typhoid, scarlet fever, malaria and others account for only 100,000 deaths annually whereas cancer alone is responsible for over 160,000 deaths. And the pity of it, this expert insists, is that one third of this number could be saved if they could be taught to recognize the early symptoms.

In the program contemplated, both sexes are to be taught these symptoms, sores about the mouth, tongue and lips that do not heal, painless lumps and thickening, irregular bleeding or discharge, change in color or size of warts and moles, persistent indigestion, change in bowel habits. Such symptoms should result in immediate medical examinations and treatment.

The American Cancer society proposes to make detectives and missionaries of people for themselves, their families and friends, teaching them to recognize warning signals, to spread the knowledge and to act before it is too late.

It is gratifying to know that medical science is able to prevent many cancer deaths, but, before it can do so, the public must be as informed about this disease as about others and must erase from its mind the fallacy that all cases of cancer are incurable. The present movement to carry on a war before the public as has been done with tuberculosis, infantile paralysis and many other diseases should receive wholehearted support.

Communicable Disease

Seven cases of communicable disease were reported in Clatsop county for the first time during the week ending May 5 by 73 per cent of the county's physicians. Two of the cases were of scarlet fever, two of whooping cough and one each of chicken pox, mumps and erysipelas.

Health Examinations

Dr. Dorothea H. Scoville, county health officer, Monday will examine all children who are to enter Lewis and Clark Junior high school for the first time next fall. Examinations will start at 8:30 a. m. and continue until 3 p. m.

Clinic Scheduled 5/21/45

A "summer round-up" clinic for pre-school age children of the Lewis and Clark Consolidated school district will be held at the school gymnasium Tuesday morning from 8:45 to 11:30 o'clock with Mrs. C. E. Dopps in charge. It was announced today. Parents of children entering school this fall for the first time are urged to be on hand with their youngsters.

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Doctor Suggests Vermin Campaign

A suggestion that funds be provided in the new city of Astoria budget plans for financing a rat control campaign, in cooperation with county authorities and officials of the Clatsop County Public Health association, features a communication to Mayor Orval Eaton and members of the city commission from Dr. Dorothea Scoville, acting county health officer.

In her report Dr. Scoville stresses the need for the elimination of the city's rat population from both health and economic standpoints. In telling of the experiences of other Pacific coast seaport towns with an out-of-control rat problem Dr. Scoville says in her letter:

"Let this be the handwriting on the wall for Astoria. Its citizens should take pride in making and keeping their city beautiful. Behind surface beauty, good housekeeping is absolutely essential. Astoria still has problems of housecleaning which it has not solved. It is later than you think, but even now great headway can be made by proper garbage dump supervision and removal of rat shelters."

Doctor Away

Dr. Dorothea Scoville, county health officer, will leave Astoria Tuesday night to attend a conference in Albany. Following the Albany meeting, she will go to the county health officer's meeting in Portland. She will return for the clinic Saturday, but no clinic will be held Wednesday.

Fire Dangers Flavel House

By the narrowing of margins the Flavel house, landmark of the old Astoria since the days of Capt. George Flavel, escaped destruction by fire about 6 o'clock Sunday night when a chance passerby saw smoke issuing from the broken window of a room on the second floor of the old building.

When firemen arrived on the scene the interior of an office room occupied by Dr. Dorothea Scoville, county health officer, was in flames as the result of the explosion of a bottle of ether in a refrigerator. The blast, apparently resulting from heat engendered from a faulty wiring connection in the ice box, blew the door from the refrigerator and broke the window in the room.

A delay of minutes in reporting the fire would most certainly have resulted in the complete destruction of the building. Fire Chief Wayne Osterby said today, as the old structure is a virtual tinder box of well seasoned wood. Actual damage, according to the chief, is nominal.

Examines Children

Pre-school aged children who plan to enter John Jacob Astor school in September, will be examined by Dr. Scoville in the health office Tuesday, May 23.

The committee in charge includes Mrs. A. R. Englund, Mrs. W. F. McGregor, and Mrs. E. Poysky.

Dr. Scoville Talks

Dr. Dorothea Scoville will speak today over KAST from 4:55 and 5 p. m. on sanitation and rat control.

Communicable Disease

Seventeen cases of communicable disease were reported in Clatsop county for the first time during the week May 19, 1945 with 81 per cent of the county's physicians reporting. Incidence was as follows: six of chicken pox, three of measles, two of scarlet fever, and six of gonorrhea.

Astoria Installs New Water Pipe

Installation of a new six-inch water pipe line along Columbia avenue for 250 feet from Taylor avenue to the waterfront cannery of the Paragon Packing company is under way this week by Empire Constructors company workmen. The new water facilities are made necessary because of increased cannery needs and for fire protection. Brewer Billie, city manager, said today. The new pipe line will cost about \$2200.

Plans are also under way for the immediate installation of a similar six-inch water connection pipe line in Uppertown for a distance of 150 feet along Thirty-third street between Franklin avenue and the Columbia River Salmon cannery plant. Cost of this new pipe line is \$2897 with the Empire Constructors company also doing the work, according to City Manager Billie.

Communicable Disease

Eight cases of communicable disease were reported by 86 per cent of Clatsop county's doctors during the week ending May 26, it was reported this week by the Oregon Health bulletin. Five of the cases were of gonorrhea, two of Chicken pox and one of measles.

Pre-School Clinic

The pre-school clinic for Gray school will be held at the health office on June 11 instead of in the school building. It will start at 10 a. m. Appointments may be made by calling Mrs. D. McKenney, Mrs. D. Rannella, at 1917-J and 1983-R, respectively.

Restaurateurs Hear Discussion

Fifteen restaurant managers of Seaside, meeting at invitation of the Chamber of Commerce Tuesday, heard discussions of restaurant sanitation by Dr. Dorothea H. Scoville and Mrs. Mary Ordway, nurse, and made plans for a food handlers' training class.

The class will be Monday in Seaside.

Dr. Scoville said that on July 1 a new state restaurant law will become effective, to prevail in cities where local ordinances do not come up to its standards.

Leaves On Vacation

Dr. Dorothea Scoville of the county health office will be out of town until June 23 and there will be no baby clinic Saturday or Wednesday, the clinic beginning again on June 23. Dr. Scoville is going to San Francisco and will attend her daughter's graduation from high school while she is in the south.

Dry Month Passes

June was a dry month for this area. Astor experiment station weather records show that only 48 inches of rain fell. The average for 78 past years was 2.86 inches of rain in June.

Thirteen days in the month were clouded by the weather observer as cloudy, while 8 were rated partly cloudy and nine as clear.

The hottest day was the last day of the month which had a temperature of 79 degrees. Only one other day saw the thermometer go over 74 degrees. Lowest temperature was 36 degrees.

Health Men Begin Work On City Rats

Trapping rats is business and sport combined for George Wright and his two assistants from the U. S. public health service who began work at the Astoria city dump Tuesday. These men comprise one of the public health service's 11 mobile units for plague suppression, working out of San Francisco.

These men set about 200 traps at the dump Tuesday and plan to work there several more days after which they will trap in other sections of the city.

The three-man crew lends its traps twice a day, to keep them from being buried by garbage dumping. The rats that are caught are put into flea proof bags, then given a cyanide gas treatment in cans. The fleas are then combed off the animals and sent to a federal laboratory, where injections from them are made into guinea pigs.

Dissect Rats

Meanwhile, in the mobile unit's truck, Wright and his staff dissect the rats, searching the tissue of some for plague signs and sending the spleen of others to the laboratory for injection tests with guinea pigs. They will open this truck and do their work for public view Thursday and Friday between 8 and 5 p. m. in the lot at the corner of Tenth and Bond street.

Wright said he does not know where his itinerary will take him next, but that if any suspicious is found here, he may be ordered to stay to do some control work. He has been working in Tacoma since early January, with the exception of the last month when he operated

in Portland with another unit. These units are concerned with all flea bearing animals. They trap field mice as well as rats, and shoot ground squirrels, prairie dogs and rabbits.

Dump Alive With Rats

Wright who has been in plague suppression work since 1911, remarked on the number of rats at the dump, saying, "When I visited it Monday night, I found moving with rats, and the tin cans were clanking until I thought there were a thousand head of sheep with a bell on each." He added, "It is estimated that one rat can multiply into 350 million animals within three years."

While setting traps Tuesday afternoon the men caught four in one trap, two of them within one-half hour of each other.

Men working with Wright are Harry B. Johnson and John W. Betts.

5.07 Inches Rain Falls Last Month

May continued the wetter-than-usual trend set up by preceding months of the year, with 5.07 inches of rainfall recorded in the month at the Astor Experiment station by Herb Howell, superintendent. In May 1944, only 2.46 inches of rain fell, while the average for the past

March Wet Month Here

March, which came in pretty much like a lamb for the lower Columbia area, early developed the proportions of a lion and chalked up a record as an unusually wet month, with a total rainfall of 10.85 inches. Average rainfall in March over the past 78 years has been 6.04 inches.

According to the weather report of the Astor Experiment station, the days of the month brought over nine-tenths of an inch of rain. March 8 brought 93 hundredths of an inch, part of which was hail. On March 15, rainfall measured 85 hundredths of an inch and on March 19 it measured 90 hundredths. Hailstorms were also recorded March 14 and 31.

No rain fell four days of the month, March 5, 6, 29 and 30, and two days were classed as mostly clear, March 6 and 26.

Rainfall in February totaled 9.06 inches, with five days recorded as clear.

March 26 the temperature rose to 60 degrees, higher than any other day in the first three months of this year.

X-Ray Unit Finds T.B., Heart Cases

A number of cases of tuberculosis have been discovered and a great many chest abnormalities, including several heart cases, have been found through the mass X-ray survey made here last month under sponsorship of the Clatsop County Public Health association.

Dr. Dorothea H. Scoville, county health officer, reported to this effect at the meeting of the board of directors of the health association Thursday evening at the YMCA. Dr. Scoville and the public health nurses of the county health department are handling follow-ups on cases revealed by the X-ray survey as needing attention.

The association's board meeting featured reports from committee chairmen who indicated that health education work of the association was extended throughout the county during 1944. Movie showings to parent-teacher groups, granges and other organizations, health talks, literature distribution and poster displays as well as the mass X-ray survey, comprised the educational program.

William Seeborg, president of the association, appointed Eric Hauke and Sven Lonsberg, directors, to assist the health department in making plans for a more effective rat control program. James Stephens and Rev. J. Vanderbeck will head a committee to plan the new social hygiene education program.

Harold Dishaw, health education chairman, led a discussion on the use of movies and pamphlets in the association's work.

The 1945-46 budget was adopted as presented by the finance committee, members of which are Verne Streten, Rev. W. Kempe and Mrs. Helmer Lindstrom.

Representatives from Hammond, Warrenton, Brownsmead and Jewell attended the meeting.

Clinic Wednesday

The Well Baby clinic will be held at Riverwood park Wednesday, July 18, this morning at the community house. Dr. Dorothea Scoville and Miss Ethel Gunderson will be there.

BABY CLINIC TO BE HELD JULY 17

A baby clinic, to be sponsored by the Seaside Junior Woman's club, will be held at the Seaside Woman's clubhouse from 1:30 to 3:30 p. m. on Tuesday, July 17. Dr. Dorothea Scoville, county health officer, and Miss Ethel Gunderson, county health nurse, will have charge of the clinic.

Arrangements may be made by calling Mrs. John W. Anderson, phone 262-J, for appointment.

Svensen Arranges Children's Clinic

SVENSEN. (Special)—There will be a pre-school clinic held at the Svensen school on Thursday afternoon, July 12. All mothers with children entering school this September are requested by Dr. Scoville to bring them for their examination.

Immediately following the pre-school clinic, the baby clinic will be held.

Health Officers in Portland

Dr. Dorothea Scoville, Miss Ethel Gunderson and Mrs. Mary Ordway, the county health officer and nurses, are in Portland today to attend the meeting of the state infantile paralysis foundation.

Cautigous Diseases

Seven cases of communicable diseases were reported for the first time in Clatsop county during the week ending June 30 by 71 per cent of the county's physicians. Three of the cases were of measles, two were of scarlet fever, and one each of chicken pox and whooping cough.

Baby Clinic

Dr. Clarence H. Scoville and Mrs. Mary Orvis, county health officer and nurse, will conduct a baby clinic at Svensen school Thursday afternoon beginning at 1 p. m.

Half Inch Rain Recorded in July

This area's summer dry streak continued during July, with only slightly more than half an inch of rain falling in the month as compared to a July average over the past 78 years of 1.11 inches of rainfall. June was also a dry month for this area, having rainfall of .48 inch, according to records of the Astor experiment station.

Only three of the July days were rated as partly cloudy, while 17 were recorded as partly cloudy and 11 as clear. Thundersdays were classed as cloudy and nine as clear.

Warmest day was July 18, temperature 85 degrees. Next to high temperature, 82 degrees, came on July 6. Lowest temperature was 39 on July 9.

State's Health Plans Ready

School Heads Say Preparations Made

By WILMA MORRISON
Staff Writer, The Oregonian

Oregon's health and physical fitness bill, which has received more national attention than any other measure passed by the last legislature, is ready to become operative. And it is a question of who is going to be more surprised, come the start of the school year, the fathers and mothers of the state, or the legislators who made this pioneering health program possible.

Oregon's health measure, which got a part of attention in the July 14 issue of the Journal of the American Medical Association, cost the taxpayer only \$25,000—hence created less than a ripple when it was passed. In four months the mandatory health and physical education program has been set up—lesson plans, tests, individual child record system—a complete blue print for every type of school. There are detailed plans for physical training and recreation for schools without gymnasiums, schools with practically no facilities, as well as the better equipped ones.

Plans Fool-Proof

The law is a mandate of responsibility to the schools for the health of all of Oregon's children. Dean R. W. Leighton, head of physical education at the University of Oregon, and his volunteer assistants have, in a few months, laid out a near fool-proof program for doing it. That a prodigious amount of work has been done by school and health heads was indicated last week in an interview with the undersecretary's dean. Aside from the fact that Oregon is the first to take action on the alarming physical unfitness revealed by selective service and make stamina and body use a curriculum requirement—there is another unique aspect of the work.

This is the analysis of games, sports and exercises and what each does for the child. Attention is entirely on the youngster, not on the game. Dean Leighton says. "The game is a vehicle to bring about the child's development," he asserts, and it has been evaluated as such. This evaluation can only be made by actual tests and a committee of enthusiastic teachers. Austin Landreth, superintendent of schools at Pendleton, has been working with Dean Leighton and Professor H. S. Hoymann, also of the university staff, in testing thousands of grade high school and college students.

From these experiments have been set up standards of flexibility, balance and strength which Johnny should meet at various stages of his growth and development. Tests will be given to all children in the schools three times yearly, in the fall, at the beginning of the second semester and at the end of the year. Also provided are spot tests with which the teacher can tell quickly where Johnny's strength and weakness lie.

Education Plan Ready

Second part of the three-way program ordered by the legislature is health education. Under the direction of Dr. Adolph Weinzirl, head of the division of social hygiene of the medical department, this is also ready to operate, with lesson plans, references and teaching methods adapted to each of the elementary and high school levels. It covers the field: structure and function of the body, communicable disease, safety and first aid, nutrition, community health and sanitation. Assisting Professor Hoymann with this is Miss Greba Logan, health supervisor in the Portland schools, and Mrs. Agnes Booth-Marion county school superintendent.

The speed with which the Oregon program has been set up is due, Dean Leighton says, to the enthusiasm of teachers and public health workers which has kept them working long hours for no additional pay. Assistants with the fitness program are these physical education instructors: Miss Beverly Goetz, Pendleton; Miss Maxine Sutton, Bend; Miss Mary Alice Lawson, Albany; Miss Dorothy Moore, University of Oregon; Clyde Martin, Albany; Joe Peake, Klamath Falls, and Harold Bishop, Salem, formerly with the veterans' administration.

To be appointed soon are two directors of the entire health and physical fitness project, state-wide medical examination for all children, which is the third provision of the bill, is being organized under Dr. Harold M. Erickson, state health officer.



DEAN R. W. LEIGHTON
Shaped fitness program.

Mrs. Abel Back From Institute For Health Work

Mrs. Harvey Abel, executive secretary, and Mrs. R. L. Burnett, seat chairman of the Clatsop County Public Health association, returned last night from the first yearly annual institute for volunteer health workers and county executive secretaries held at Pacific University at Forest Grove.

Several Oregonians prominent in education, health and welfare work in the state appeared on the program. Among these were Harold Bishop, state supervisor of health and physical fitness; Miss Lola Howard, administrator for the state public welfare commission; Dr. Edward Blomquist, director of the division of tuberculosis control of the Oregon state board of health; Miss Theresa Jennings, R. N., tuberculosis nursing consultant of the state board of health; and C. P. Felke, state supervisor of vocational rehabilitation.

Faculty members for the institute included James Stone, director of program development, and Miss Iren Carlson, seat salaried consultant from the staff of the National Tuberculosis association in New York city.

Fifty-three persons were in attendance at the institute with practically all of the counties in the state represented. The institute was sponsored by the Oregon Tuberculosis association.

Nurse Returns

Miss Ethel Ivy Gunderson, public health nurse with the Clatsop county health department, has returned from a special course on supervision in public health nursing at the University of Oregon medical school in Portland.

The course was attended by nurses from Washington, Montana, Idaho, Utah and Oregon. The instructor was Ruth B. Freeman, R. N., associate professor of preventive medicine and public health and director of an exchange in public health nursing at the University of Washington.

Window Display Features Health

A health display, carrying the message that early tuberculosis shows no symptoms and the X-ray finds early stages, was placed in the window of the Pacific Power & Light company Monday by a committee of the Clatsop County Public Health association.

The show includes pictures of the mobile health survey unit which visited this county some months ago making free chest X-rays.

Volunteers who helped Mrs. Harvey Abel of the association's office install the window exhibit consisted of Mrs. Arthur Stangland, Mrs. Henry Nomi, Evelyn Leusch, C. J. Knobbe and Gerald Francisco. Sea Room

School Date Set

Opening of the morning school on Clatsop Plains is set for September 10, a week later than usual. C. C. Smith, clerk of the district, said today.

Death Toll Hits 252 for Holiday

By United Press
Preliminary reports indicated today that the nation's three-day Labor Day celebration, its first peacetime holiday weekend in four years, cost 333 dead and hundreds injured.

Releasing long restrained vacation desires, Americans jammed beaches, golflinks, parks, buses and railroads. War-worn tires and dilapidated autos were a common sight. A total of 187 persons died in traffic accidents.

California reported three drownings and 11 other violent holiday deaths for a total of 12. The highest of any state. New York followed with 23 Labor Day casualties, 12 of them traffic fatalities.

More Polio Cases Reported in Ore.

PORTLAND, ORE.—More cases of polio were reported in the state last week than at any time since November, Dr. Harold M. Erickson, state health officer, said today.

An outbreak of five cases, all "non-paralytic," were reported in Lane county. The total for the year stands at 32 or cases lower than the same period in 1944.

The aggregate disease total declined five per cent last week from the previous week in the state. There were 163 cases reported against 176 the week before. A 26 per cent drop was noted in venereal disease incidence.

State Hygiene Leader Sees Study Need

"The armed services are releasing military personnel to civilian life, venereally non-infectious, and service men are expecting their home communities to be free from venereal disease." This is the statement of F. G. Scherer, director of the division of social hygiene, organization of the Oregon Tuberculosis association, made on the basis of contacts over Oregon. He reports that there is widespread public interest in social hygiene due to this and other factors. Scherer is spending several days in this county.

Many parents are finding that their boys and girls have entered military service are returning to them young men and women who have had generous quantities of information regarding health and human relations," he said.

"Frequently confused thinking and misunderstanding arise in the home and vocabularies are inadequate to carry on a conversation for an exchange of ideas. The social hygiene/education program has been called upon to meet this situation and has materials and suggestions to offer. Information Need Seen

"Juvenile delinquency is another factor which has aroused public concern. Promiscuous social relations are a part of this condition.

"The use of penicillin for rapid treatment of the venereal diseases has caught the imagination of the public. The misinterpretation is no longer any excuse for avoiding medical care but is a very definite reason for early treatment.

"However, it is the object of social hygiene education, he states, "to prevent the spread of these communicable diseases. Accurate information for use in the home as a basis for common discussion among the members of the family is basic to the prevention of delinquency and promiscuity."

Meeting Thursday
Mining available to parents this information regarding physical growth and reproduction, supported by factual instruction in the school and no more, through the church, constitute the best means of prevention."

Scherer is working with the Clatsop county public health committee on social hygiene in completing arrangements for a meeting with community leaders Thursday evening. During this week he is available for interview on personal problems, marital relations and community planning. Appointments may be made through the Clatsop County Public Health association officer in the Gunderson building.

Accidents Show Holiday Influx With Gas Relief

Accidents reported to the county and city officials this week reflected the holiday influx and the cessation of gasoline rationing here.

Nine accidents were reported to the sheriff's office as follows:

9-11-45 Federal Nursing Training Ended

WASHINGTON, (UP)—President Truman has ordered immediate termination of the federal nurse recruiting program, the White House has announced.

On Sept. 6, Mr. Truman wrote to Surgeon General Thomas Parson of the United States Public Health Service instructing him "to terminate the recruitment of student and graduate nurses immediately and to see to it that no students are enrolled in the courses under the act (the nurse training law) which began after Oct. 15, 1945."

The president said the end of the war removed the necessity for continuing to start federal training courses for nurses for the armed services.

School Opens September 17

WARRENTON, (Special)—The Warrenton schools will open September 17, according to Harold C. Dlashaw, superintendent. High school students are requested to register on September 14 and 15 between 9 and 5 o'clock and from 7 to 9 p. m. on the same days. School will be held all day September 17 and students should bring paper and pencils and lunches on the first day.

The teaching staff is as follows: first grade, Mrs. John Groves, former teacher in Hammond; third grade, Mrs. Lux of Astoria; second grade, Mrs. Adele Binna; first grade, Mrs. Stanley Edmark; fourth grade, Mrs. Katharin Rohrbough; fifth grade, Mrs. James Crompny from Minot State Teachers' college, Minot, N. D.; sixth grade, Miss Rose Tolonen; seventh grade, Mrs. Inez Sanfords; eighth grade, Mrs. A. O. Ramvick of Astoria.

The high school teachers are Mrs. Harriet Baldwin, Mrs. and Mrs. Carl Nydegger of Portland university, and Harold Dlashaw. The school lunch room will open October 1.

I. B. Kempt, the new janitor, has been working in and around the school since June 1.

The school bus will leave school at 10 minutes to 8 and go south to the cemetery road, then east to Newton's Service station, turn north and make the loop back to the school. The bus will go to Flavel and return to school.

SEASIDE SCHOOLS TO OPEN SEPT. 17

Monday, September 17, is the opening day for Seaside schools.

Only a short morning session for registration will be held at the grade school of which S. W. Babcock is principal. Both he and John Jandrall, principal of Seaside High, have announced the names of several new faculty members for the fall session.

School In Wauna Slates Opening

WAUNA, (Special)—Miss Vera Catto who has been working in the cannery in Astoria has returned home to resume her job as primary teacher.

Mr. and Mrs. Pat Burns moved Monday to Stevenson, Wash. Mr. Burns, Gerald Hays, are moving into the house vacated by the Burns'.

The Wauna school will open September 10 with the following teachers: Mrs. Maude A. Shaw, principal; Mrs. Vera Breche, intermediate, and Miss Vera Catto, primary.

Rev. First Class Bill Keys and his wife from Spokane are spending a few days visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Keys.

9-11-45 Morrison School Slates Opening

CLATSOP PLAINS, (Special)—Morrison school will start September 10 with Miss Bessie Bartoldus, who has taught in the district for a number of years, as principal, and her mother, Mrs. Lois Bartoldus, teaching the primary grades. Mrs. Albert Stanley will again drive the school bus.

Clatsop Plains school is scheduled to open also on Monday, with Miss Anna Bauman of Portland as instructor.

Epidemic Causes Gathering Stop

BELLINGHAM, Wash. (UP)—Dr. H. Garner Wright, Whatcom county physician, has banned all public gatherings in the county outside Bellingham until further notice because of an infantile paralysis epidemic.

Twenty-two cases of the disease are now in isolation in St. Joseph's hospital, and 10 in the orthopedic ward. Eighty cases have been reported in the county since the outbreak in July and there have been six deaths.

Half of the cases brought to St. Joseph's have been from Skagit county. Only 10 per cent have been from within the city of Bellingham.

Traffic Deaths Hit 12 in Sept.

SALEM, (UP)—Twelve persons were killed in traffic accidents in Oregon the first 11 days of this month, Secretary of State Robert S. Farrel Jr. reported today.

Eight of the fatalities occurred during the Labor day weekend.

Farrell said that one person died every day in traffic accidents the latter part of August after gasoline rationing ended.

Hearing, Visual Troubled Viewed

Mrs. Ina Boyer, from the state school for the deaf, and Walter Dry, from the state school for the blind, were in Astoria Friday for followup checks on cases of visual and hearing impairment, and conferences with Dr. Dorothea H. Scoville, county health officer.

These workers point out that in the last two years many men of draft age have been found to have marked defects. They stress the importance of remedial work with hearing and visual troubles during youth. At early ages nose or throat defects, which may cause visual and hearing difficulties, are correctable. Teaching of lip and braille reading, where necessary, is also important with the young, they say, because these skills make mental development and social adjustment possible.

BABY CLINIC TO BE HELD SEPT. 18

The Baby clinic, sponsored by the Junior Woman's club, will be held at the Woman's clubhouse Tuesday afternoon, September 18, from 1:30 to 3:30 o'clock. Dr. Dorothea Scoville and Miss Ethel Gunderson, registered nurse, will be in attendance. All those who wish to make appointments are asked to call Mrs. John W. Anderson, 524-J.

9-15 New Water Plan Adopted by City To Aid Heights

Adoption of the recommendations of City Engineer George McClean and City Manager James Conwill for the immediate installation of a special high level water system for the convenience of householders in the Astor Court heights district, featured the regular meeting of the Astoria city commission Monday night.

The new water installation includes the erection of a 5000-gallon storage tank, pump equipment and necessary, distributing mains at a cost of about \$5000. While of temporary nature, the new system will provide efficient water facilities for the district for at least 10 years, according to authorities. Work on the project will get under way as soon as materials are available.

Polio Cases Drop

PORTLAND, (UP)—Polymyositis in Oregon has taken a sharp decline, the state board of health announced today, with only one new case for the week ending September 15, and that was in Portland.

There had been seven cases reported for the week ending September 8 and five cases for the week

ending September 1. Five times as many cases had been reported for the first 37 weeks of 1944 as against the same time in 1945.

9-22-45 Health Officer Resigns Job Here

Dr. Dorothea H. Scoville, U.S. public health doctor who was lent to Clatsop county for a county health officer, has tendered her resignation and will leave today for California where she will take charge of the maternal and child health work in Richmond. No one has yet been obtained to replace her.

Having also resigned from the public health service, Dr. Scoville will enter civilian life in California and join her husband and daughter at their home in Mill Valley, near Richmond. She will be working for the California department of public health.

During a large part of her almost two years of service here, Dr. Scoville served as both county health officer and county sanitarian.

She took over the duties of sanitation when Verne Reiersen entered the army about a year ago. No successor was ever named for Reiersen's post.

Improved Water Supply Discussed At Olney Meeting

Residents of the Olney and Wal-luck districts, meeting Wednesday night to discuss possibilities of obtaining improved water supply for that area, named a committee to investigate possibilities and raised a small sum of money to start proceedings.

About 25 persons attended, but reports were received that numerous other residents were interested in the problem and would support a movement for improving the water supply.

Procedure Reviewed
The committee appointed included: George Fisher, chairman; Carl Beck, secretary-treasurer; Frank Bey, John McCoy, Palmer Henningsen and Arvid Maki. It was directed to look into all possibilities for organizing a water district and for obtaining an adequate source of supply. The committee will report at a later meeting.

County Commissioner Afton Zundel supplied information on procedure that was used in organizing a water district for the Jeffers Gardens and Lewis and Clark area. Gordon Hood, county agent, also attended and offered the aid of his office.

September Rains Above Average

September rainfall in the Astoria area amounted to 5.57 inches, considerably above the 50-year average of 3.33 inches, according to official records kept by Herbert Howell, official weather observer, at the Astoria Experiment station.

The rainfall was fairly evenly distributed throughout the month, beginning with hard showers on the 4th, 24 and 26th that brought 3.02 inches and provided a boon to dairymen by refreshing, dried-out pastures.

The month's highest temperature was 82 degrees on the 12th and the lowest temperature was 35 degrees on the 29th. There were 11 clear days and 11 cloudy ones, with 8 partly cloudy. Rain fell on 12 days out of the 30.

Dr. Millar to Speak

Announcement was made today by James Stephens, chairman of the Social Hygiene Education committee of the Clatsop County Public Health association, that an open meeting of the association this evening featuring Dr. James Millar as speaker will be of particular interest to educators and persons interested in young people, since the address will deal with responsibilities to youth. The meeting will be held at the YMCA at 8 p. m.

Teachers to Hear How Health Laws Regard Education

Miss Dorothea Moore and Harold Bishop, state supervisors of health and physical education from the Oregon state department of education, will be in Astoria on October 11 and 12 to meet with all teachers of Clatsop county regarding the health and physical education law passed by the state legislature at its last session, according to word received from Rex Putnam, state superintendent of public instruction.

Miss Anne Lewis, county school superintendent, and A. C. Hampton, city school superintendent, have consented to a two-day workshop during which assistance will be given to work the law into the school program. The workshop was originated for instruction and demonstration of physical education activities to elementary and high school teachers. During the two-day workshop, Astoria teachers will hear Miss Dorothea Moore interpret the health and physical education law, with explanation and description of health instruction material.

Disease Code Set For Industries In Oregon Area

SALEM, (UP)—The state industrial accident commission is preparing an occupational disease code for final adoption. The commission Chairman Paul E. Gurske announced today.

The code, authorized by legislation, is to prescribe minimum requirements for the prevention and control of occupational diseases which are applicable to every place of employment. Paul E. Gurske said. Specific rules will be included governing harmful exposure, general and exhaust ventilation, dust, personal protective clothing and isolation of hazardous occupations.

Responsibility Given
The law requires that the accident commission, the state bureau of labor and the Oregon board of health have responsibilities in the establishment and enforcement of the code.

A preliminary hearing on the proposed contents of the code was held Wednesday in Portland and was attended by representatives of management, labor and state and public agencies.

Public Health Nurse Returns

Miss Dorothea Seeborg, Clatsop county public health nurse prior to entering the navy nurse corps in 1942, returned to that capacity January 1. Miss Seeborg previously served in the local health office for about a year.

A graduate of the University of Oregon medical school, she received a bachelor of science degree. After her graduation she worked with the health departments of Cook and Curry counties for about three years prior to joining the Clatsop county staff.

Three years in the navy, Miss Seeborg last served at the hospital corps school in San Diego. Other nursing service in the navy included service at Bremerton navy yard and Shoemaker, Cal., her duty at the latter post being chief nurse of the dispensary. Miss Seeborg went on inactive status December 8, 1945.

Army Man Is Sanitarian

Buckley R. Vaughn, recently appointed as Clatsop county sanitarian, has taken over his post in the county health office, succeeding Verne Reiferson. Vaughn will cooperate with Dr. Delbert Kelly, who will arrive in Astoria soon to assume the position of county health officer.

The new sanitarian, recently discharged from the army, served for about one month in the state health department office in Portland. At the Portland office he became familiar with various changes in the health agency. At the present time he is helping to reorganize the county health department which he explains "will undergo a complete change-over."

Vaughn attended Portland university and received his advanced training at Fitzsimmons general hospital, Denver, Colo. He served for about three years in the army medical corps, serving overseas in Africa, Italy and Yugoslavia. His army experience was instrumental in qualifying him for employment in the public health department.

During the past two weeks, the new sanitarian has been familiarizing himself with the various agencies of the county health department. He will be joined in Astoria soon by his wife.

Local Hygiene Day to Have Busy Schedule

A large number of delegates from all parts of Clatsop county are expected to attend the first annual Social Hygiene day conference to be held at the Hotel Astoria, on Saturday, February 9, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The one day meeting will be divided into three sessions. The first session will begin at 10 a.m. with a welcome by Mayor Orval Eaton, which will be followed by two addresses; Judge Guy Boyington, speaking on "Youth Conservation—Community Responsibility," and the Board of Health, on "Medical Treatment and Social Behavior." Gault Patton, Seaside municipal judge, will conclude with an informal discussion period.

The luncheon session, beginning promptly at 12 noon, will have as presiding officer Gordon Sloan, Kiwanis club president and local attorney. Speakers at this session are Roy E. Dickerson, executive secretary of the Clatsop Social Hygiene society and well known author and lecturer. His topic will be "Safeguarding the Home." Also speaking at this time will be Percy Shostack, consultant on industrial cooperation for the American Social Hygiene association, of New York discussing "You and Your Health."

The afternoon session to start at 1:45 p.m. will be presided over by Rev. Joseph Vanderbeck, will feature an address by Dr. E. W. Warrington, professor of religion, Oregon State college, "Strategy for Social Guidance in Church and College," and another address by Dickerson, "The Parents Part in Sex Education."

The conference which is sponsored by the Clatsop County Public Health association, is open to the public. Luncheon reservations may be made by calling 1441.

Cooperating agencies include the Division of Social Hygiene Education of the Oregon Tuberculosis association; the E. C. Brown Trust, the State Board of Health and the Parent-Teacher association.

Crowds Come For Vaccine

As throngs of adults and children queued into the Flavel building office of the Clatsop county health department to receive immunization from oriental smallpox, which broke out recently in several west coast cities, the diminishing local supply of vaccine was supplemented Friday by two small shipments of serum.

Clatsop county health officers reported today that the picture is about the same. An anxious crowd has been on hand to greet Dr. Delbert C. Kelly, county health officer, for the past three mornings. A steady lineup threaded through the top floor hall way of the Flavel building from 8:30 a. m. to 5 p. m. the first two days. During this time the members of the health office have labored untiringly to make the inoculations.

Out On Tuesday
The inoculations will be given out next week during all time that the health officer is free, it was learned today. However there will be no vaccinations given Tuesday when the doctor will be out of his office, it was learned. School children will be vaccinated Tuesday by the health department. Vaccinations will be made in Seaside all day Thursday.

Wednesday afternoon pre-school children and their mothers will be accepted by appointment. Dr. Kelly advised that children are not ordinarily inoculated younger than one-year in age and will not be unless there is a threat of an epidemic in this area.

Immunization from the inoculations is determined by the activity caused by the introduction of the serum. If a vaccination "takes," the officer explained, immunization is reasonably sure for a five-year period. However, if there is no reaction from the inoculation, immunization is not certain, he said.

For this reason, the local health department is urging that all persons, who received inoculations on Thursday and Friday, send a card to the Clatsop county health department after 10 days to notify the office if there was a reaction to the vaccination.

City Health Officer to Resign Post

Dr. Nellie S. Vernon, city health officer since 1916, will retire from active work in that line but will remain as consulting health officer and sanitarian for the city.

Dr. Delbert C. Kelly, who took over the duties of Clatsop county health officer several weeks ago, will also serve as city health officer and sanitarian.

Resolutions putting these changes in the city's health administration into effect were adopted by the city commission at its Monday night meeting.

Effective This Month
Dr. Vernon's salary was fixed at \$50 a month as consulting health officer and sanitarian.

The resolution adopted by the commission authorized the city to enter into an arrangement with the county and state whereby the county health officer will serve in the same capacity for the city and the city will in return pay the county \$125 a month.

The new arrangement is effective this month under terms of the resolution.

The city commission also authorized Monday night the employment of an additional secretary in the office of the city manager and mayor.

Schedule for Vaccine Work Covers Area

The Clatsop county health department, which for the past week has devoted the greatest share of its physical efforts toward vaccinating local residents against a worldwide threat of Oriental smallpox epidemic today announced a tentative schedule which will be followed in serving outlying districts of the county.

In the second day of the mobile program to administer the vaccine, Dr. Delbert C. Kelly, county health officer, and members of his staff today were in Seaside, devoting the morning to vaccinating students of the Seaside schools. The afternoon, scheduled today calls for immunization of Seaside adults at the city hall in Seaside.

Friday students of the Lewis and Clark consolidated school will be visited by the officers in the morning. The afternoon schedule lists Lewis and Clark junior high school of Astoria.

Cover All Areas
Monday the health department will finish up the immunization program for Astoria public schools, the high school being slated for a morning visit and the John Jacob Astor school in the afternoon. Tuesday the program will include a trip up the river to Wauna and Westport. Warrenton and Hammond will be visited on Wednesday.

Thursday, April 11, the health department will call a temporary halt to their campaign, turning their agency over to the annual

crippled children's clinic.

The tour of upriver communities will be completed on April 12 when the vaccinating team visits Fern hill, Knappa, Svensen, Knappa - Svensen high school and Browns mead. The following day the officers will be in the Warrenton health office.

Nehalem valley communities are slated for a visit of the health department on April 15. In this circuit are, listed, Jewell, Elsie, Vine Maple and Neahcumb. Morrison, Clatsop Plains, Gearhart and Cannon Beach are scheduled for Tuesday, April 16.

The traveling tour will be completed on April 17 when the health officers finish up with Olney and Wallaski. Star of the Sea school of Astoria will conclude the immunization tour on that day.

A member of the health office said today that the schedule would be followed as closely as possible.

Baby Clinic To Be Held By Junior Women

The baby clinic will be held Tuesday, April 16, at the Woman's Club building on Second avenue from 1 to 3 p. m. It has been announced by the Junior Woman's club.

Smallpox vaccinations will be given to all pre-school children whose parents wish to bring them to the clinic.

For appointments call Mrs. John W. Anderson, phone 518-RX. Schuck sig.

BABY CLINIC

A baby clinic will be held Tuesday, February 19, at the Seaside Woman's Club House, from 1 to 3 p. m. with Dr. Delbert C. Kelly in charge. For appointment phone Mrs. J. W. Anderson, 524-J.



Since the announcement that the Clatsop county health department would follow a vaccination program to immunize Clatsop folks from oriental smallpox, the above scene is typical of the throngs who are on hand to greet the health officer at their Flavel building headquarters on days when vaccinations are administered there. Above is shown a very small portion of the constant lineup which confronts the vaccinating team at the Astoria office. The department is following a tentative program of vaccinations which will continue on until April 19.

(A-B Photo)

BY PAUL F. EWING
Clatsop County Health Officer

Dr. Delbert C. Kelly, Astoria's city health officer, reported Monday that he had found several hundred pounds of butter on the city dump and "detected no rancidness."

His statement was made while Rear Adm. C. E. Van Hook, general inspector, western sea frontier, and D. W. Mitchell, navy supply corps, were tracing instances of food wastage charged to the navy by Representative Walter Norblad. The admiral was calling Monday on an Astoria junk dealer and other individuals who have salvaged material from the city dump.

Dr. Kelly refused to say whether or not the butter found had been contaminated by the navy to prevent its salvage and use.

Navy officials have insisted that only insignificant quantities of food have been dumped without condemnation as "unfit for human consumption."

The health officer also asserted that Clatsop county has had no cases of dysentery this year, despite navy warnings that those eating food salvaged from the dump would acquire the disease.

Norblad Eats Safely

His finding supported the experience of Representative Norblad, who ate flannel, dehydrated cranberries and lemonade made from synthetic lemon juice, all eaten cases of food from time to time while inspecting the dump.

It was indicated that the dump has received enough food to create a health menace, due to the number of rats and flies infesting the area.

Meanwhile, in Portland, a former navy officer declared that "right in the Philadelphia navy yard, the commissary won't take broken cases. The only way you could get rid of it was to send your ship's chief commissary steward to see the commissary steward at mess on the base and try to talk them into taking it."

He declared that navy regulations requiring condemnation of rusty equipment and denied that food should be rewritten because "this waste is terrific."

A former sailor, who did not wish to be quoted for personal reasons, said that "one capital ship throws overboard enough food every day to feed a small city." He told of other waste, as well, including \$4000 to \$5000 worth of manila line dumped overboard at Pearl Harbor shortly after the end of the war. He said the winch operator on the navy ship let his boom swing outboard and a boom's male greaser let the sling load of the dumper instead of having it pulled back aboard ship.

Chief Tails of Saving

However, George J. West, 4005 Maywood place, ex-chief commissary steward, said he had served aboard eight ships in ten years' naval service and "never saw them throw even a gunny sack overboard."

He declared that "we couldn't even throw away a scrap of bread. We had to make bread pudding out of it."

Capt. E. F. Galpin, general inspector for the 13th naval district, moved on to Astoria after investigation of food wastage at Portland naval installations.

At Washington, Rear Adm. J. Carter declared there is no "wifful waste" of food or anything else in the navy, but conceded a certain small amount of wastage was inevitable.

Carter, who heads the bureau of supplies and accounts, explained to reporters, "with quick demobilization a certain amount of waste can't be helped. In spite of everything you can do."

Savings to Be Cited

"The navy is willing to take steps to correct willful waste, and is glad to be of any," he emphasized, commenting on statements of Norblad. Carter said he talked with Norblad Monday.

Carter said the directives to all ships and shore stations had underlined the importance of saving foodstuffs and added that Secretary of the Navy James Forrestal had sent additional directives to conserve food.

Carter's bureau is preparing quantities of surplus foods recently turned in for civilian use from ships.

Vaccination Program Runs On Schedule

Health officers, following their campaign to immunize Clatsop individuals from dreaded Oriental smallpox, toured Wauna and Westport today, handing out health-insuring jobs of vaccine to residents of the upriver communities. A new schedule—still tentative—has been released by the health office, revealing the program which will be followed for the next 10 days.

The following schedule was released today to be followed in vaccinating residents of various Clatsop communities:

Program Listed
April 10—Morning, Seaside grade school and high school; afternoon, infants and pre-school children in Astoria.

April 11—No vaccinations; crippled children clinic.

April 12—Morning school at 9 a. m.; Warrenton at 10 a. m.; Hammond adults at 3 p. m.

April 13—Pernhill at 9 a. m.; Svensen school at 11 a. m.; Svensen adults at the school at 1 p. m.

April 14—Clatsop Plains, Gearhart and Cannon Beach in the morning and Seaside pre-school children in the afternoon.

April 15—Jewell schools and adults in the morning, Vinemapple at 1 p. m. and Elsie at 2:30.

April 16—Brownwood and Knappa in the morning; Svensen high school in the afternoon.

VD Campaign Organized 5/10/46

Clatsop county has been selected by the social hygiene division of the Oregon Tuberculosis association and the Oregon state board of health as the first county in which an educational program for control of venereal disease is to be launched immediately.

The education program will be organized here Monday night at a meeting in the Labor temple where officials of all unions will meet with public health authorities of the state of Oregon. Dr. W. H. Aufrance and Dr. A. F. McGill of the state board of health, and F. G. Scherer, director of the social hygiene division of the Oregon Tuberculosis association, will be present to work out final plans for distribution of publicity, including a four-page tabloid. The tabloid was prepared by the U. S. public service, American Social Hygiene association and by local and state public health officials.

This campaign will be more elaborate than any undertaken previously on a county-wide scale in the state. Clatsop county was chosen first because of its record for cooperating in the public health program and because of the interest shown by its people in the subject of social hygiene.

The distribution of the tabloid is a cooperative effort of the local labor unions, Chamber of Commerce, the Pomona grange, and the County Public Health association. The largest responsibility for the distribution falls upon the labor unions, inasmuch as they have such a large membership in the county and are planning to have a copy reach each member. A sufficient number of copies have been printed so that one can be placed in every home in the county.

Copies of this tabloid may be secured at the office of the Astorian Budget or from any of the agencies listed above.

CHILDREN MAY GET PRE-SCHOOL EXAM 5/10/46

A pre-school physical examination for all children who will enter school this fall will be given free of charge by Dr. Delbert C. Kelly and Miss Ethel Gunderson, county health nurse, at the Central school, Tuesday, June 4, with members of the Parent-Teachers association in charge. Appointment may be had by calling Mrs. Bert Thorpe, phone 517, between the hours 11 a. m. and 1 p. m. except Monday, June 3, when appointments will be taken all day.

The P.T.A. will sponsor a summer round up which will be the last activity of the organization until fall. 5/30/46

Here to Survey Value from Dump 6/8/46

An audit on the value of government property removed from the city dump by salvagers is being made in Astoria today by J. R. Johnson, Portland accountant. He said he was making the audit for the comptroller general of the United States.

Johnson is interviewing individuals who figured in the recent investigation of waste at the dump. The accountant was seeking information on the location of large stacks of salvaged goods in private homes.

The county health department will be doing rat control work soon at the Warrenton city dump. They are using a new and very powerful type of rat poison. It is properly controlled, but it is advisable to keep all animals away from the city dump as an extra precaution.

5/7/46

Health Clinic 6/10/46

A pre-school health clinic for children who will enter Lewis and Clark school for the first time next fall will be held Wednesday, June 2, in the county health office in the Flavel building. Boys will be examined from 9 to 12 and girls from 1 to 4:30, with Dr. Delbert Kelly, county health officer, in charge.

Physical Exam 5/13/46
Dr. Delbert C. Kelly, Clatsop county health officer, will conduct examination of pre-school children at the Svensen grade school Tuesday morning at 10.

BABY CLINIC Seaside Signal
It has been announced by the Junior Woman's club that the baby clinic will be held Tuesday, May 21, at the Woman's club house on second ave. Dr. Delbert C. Kelly and attendant will be in charge. Call Mrs. J. W. Anderson, phone 518-RX, for appointment.
Mrs. Clem P. Schmidt has taken over arrangements for the clinic for the coming year.

X-Rays to Be Made in July 6/15/46

The annual public X-ray survey session for Clatsop county will be held this year from July 15 to 25. It was decided at a meeting of the County Health association last week at which Miss Mary Jane Green of the Oregon Tuberculosis association and Dr. Edwin Blomquist of the state board of health discussed plans for the affair with local group.

The mobile X-ray unit of the Oregon Tuberculosis association will be in the county during that period, and in addition the state board of health will set up a stationary unit for five days in Astoria during the same period, it was announced.

In addition, a blood testing program will be run at the same time, with state health department technicians doing the work under sponsorship of the Clatsop Public Health association.

To Visit Other Cities
The expanded facilities this year will permit 4000 chest X-rays to be made and as many blood tests as the demand requires, health association officials said.

Following the Astoria session, Miss Green and Dr. Blomquist met with Seaside Health association members and determined that the mobile X-ray unit will be in Seaside, Cannon Beach and Gearhart on July 15, 16 and 17.

The mobile X-ray unit made surveys in Clatsop county last summer in which 3000 people were examined and 15 positive tuberculosis reactions were discovered.

Of 250,000 chest X-rays that have been made in Oregon under state tuberculosis association sponsorship, an average of 1.3 positive reactions per 100 examinations has been found.

BABY CLINIC 6/13/46

It has been announced that the baby clinic will be held Tuesday, June 18, 1:30 to 3 p. m. at the Woman's club house with Dr. Delbert C. Kelly in charge. For appointment Phone 291-R. Seaside Signal

MOBILE X-RAY UNIT



The mobile X-ray unit, which will be in Seaside on July 16 and 17 will provide free chest X-Rays and other health services. Applications for the service are being accepted now.

X-Ray Unit To Be Here 7/3/46



This picture shows operations of the chest X-ray program as carried on in the mobile X-ray unit which will be brought to the Burke Motor Sales company showroom by the Clatsop County Public Health association July 23-26 inclusive.

Residents And 7/10/46
Visitors Urged
To Get X-Rays

Services of the mobile X-ray unit to visit Seaside on July 16 and 17 from noon until 8 p. m. is recognized as the best sort of health insurance, according to members of the committee in charge of it by having chest X-Rays taken while the unit is in Seaside. The unit is operated under the joint auspices of the state board of health, the Oregon Tuberculosis association and the Clatsop County Health association.

Even those person who had X-Rays taken last year are urged to repeat the process this year in order to make certain that there has been no infection during the year. Application blanks are available at the Seaside Hardware company and the office of the Pacific Power & Light company. Vacationists are invited to take advantage of the service offered by the unit. The service is free and confidential. Application blanks should be made out and deposited in the box placed for the purpose at the office of the Pacific Power & Light company, if possible before 5 p. m., July 12.

Members of the volunteer committee working with the Clatsop county public health association include Mrs. A. E. Brown, Mr. Brown, Mrs. Willard Priesen, Mrs. Elliott Hurd, Mrs. Bert Thorp, Mrs. L. W. Hickey and Mrs. Carl Beckman.

Mobile X-Ray Unit
To Visit Seaside
On July 16 And 17

Once again Seaside is making ready to collect returns on its investment in Christmas Seals by organizing for the annual visit of the Oregon chest X-ray mobile unit, July 16 and 17, from noon to 8 p. m.

A volunteer committee headed by Mrs. E. A. Brown, has prepared application blanks for any and all persons over 16 years old requesting free X-ray pictures of their chests, and everyone is asked for prompt co-operation in returning them to the Pacific Power and Light Store on Broadway, before 5 p. m., July 6.

The blanks can be obtained there and at the Seaside Hardware store on North Holladay now. An annual X-ray of the chest is good health insurance and local people are advised not to miss this fine, free, strictly confidential chance to be certain of your physical condition, no matter how well you feel. Help in the conquest of tuberculosis by letting the eyes X-ray prove your health.

This year the Oregon Tuberculosis Association and the State Board of Health have joined forces in their survey programs and will operate together, in co-operation with the Clatsop County Public Health Association and the County Health unit, in this chest survey.

Last year, in Clatsop county, 3,063 persons were X-rayed. Of these 150 had questionable or positive miniature films. Many of these are still under observation and being visited by the public health nurse. Seventy-one of them were given large X-rays so more intensive study could be made, and of these 71, fifteen were discovered with active tuberculosis.

Of these fifteen, five were admitted to the sanitarium. Five moved away and were transferred to other county health departments. And five are under observation of the Clatsop County Health Department.

Health Department Appeal
For Salary Boost Rejected;
County's Budget Approved

7/11/46
The Clatsop county budget for the fiscal year 1946-47 was approved without change after a requested salary increase for some members of the county health department was turned down Wednesday when taxpayers met with the county budget committee.

Without a change taxpayers approved the budget as it was drawn up and advertised by the county budget group.

A request that nurses of the health department be granted a salary increase was read at the meeting by Dr. Delbert C. Kelly, health department head. Among the

assembled taxpayers, several members of the Clatsop County Health association, were on hand in the interest of the county health program.

One member of the association said that he felt the county had good arguments in not granting the pay increase inasmuch as there have been no provisions made for a general increase in the salaries of county employees. County Judge Guy Boyington pointed out that the salaries of the Clatsop nurses compared equally with the salaries paid to nurses in other counties the same size and even with several counties of a much larger assessed valuation such as Lane county.

Warrenton Schedules
Mobile X-ray Unit

7/15/46
WARRENTON (Special)—The mobile X-ray unit of the county public health association and state board of health will be in Warrenton Wednesday afternoon at the Prouty mill and Thursday morning at the city hall to give free chest x-ray examinations.

X-Ray Unit Due
In Hammond 7/16/46

HAMMOND, (Special)—The mobile x-ray chest survey unit brought to Clatsop county by the county public health association will be in Hammond at the Point Adams cannery between 9 and 12 o'clock Wednesday with Mrs. Walter Enke in charge.

All Hammond district residents interested in obtaining a free chest examination for tuberculosis are invited to attend the clinic.

New Dump
In Operation

7-16-46
The city's new sanitary fill-type garbage dump went into operation for the first time Monday and the old city dump on the pipeline road is now closed for all dumping of refuse.

Stanley Neurerer, named to the position of dumpmaster, said that about 40 loads of garbage were dumped there Monday and were buried in the evening with a navy bulldozer stationed at the dump for that purpose.

Garbage dumped each day will be buried before the day ends.

All dumping of garbage on the pipeline road is now forbidden, city officials said.

2 County Nurses Quit Jobs

7/17/46
Inadequate Salary Said Principal Cause

Dr. R. H. Wilcox, Pendleton, who is touring Clatsop county with the state health department's mobile blood bank unit, today appeared before the session of the county court to inquire about grievances which might have provoked the recent resignation of two Clatsop health department nurses.

Early this week the county commission received formal notice from two of the health department's three nurses advising the court that they would resign as of September 1. Ethel I. Gunderson, county health nurse for a number of years, and Mrs. Mary Ordway, clinic nurse, submitted letters to Dr. Harold M. Erickson, state health officer, early this week, advising him that they were resigning from the staff of the Clatsop county health department, effective September 1, 1946. In an interview today one of the nurses indicated that both had decided to resign because of the difference between their salary and the salary of practicing nurses. She denied that the resignations were the result of any friction or ill feelings in the health department.

No Opinions Given

Dr. Wilcox, whose interest lies with the state public health association, frankly told the court that he was appearing in an effort to learn of any other provocation for the threatened resignations.

The commission declined to voice any opinions or observations, explaining to the eastern Oregon doctor that the court's function regarding the administration of the county health office is primarily to budget money for the maintenance of the department and to leave the administrative details to the discretion of the department. Dr. Wilcox had previously inquired as to whether there might be a personal grievance or some friction in the office.

Unatilla Comparison

When Dr. Wilcox explained to the commission that replacements for the retiring nurses would be determined by the salary granted by the county, County Judge Guy Boyington called attention to the comparison between Clatsop county and "Poor Will's" Unatilla county. Under the provisions of the present state legislation, Boyington asserted, we have three times the millage to levy as Unatilla county. Unatilla county with an approximate assessed valuation of \$45,000,000 has a county health budget of about \$23,000 to levy. The current Clatsop budget for the health department is about \$22,000 which must be levied from taxable county land at an assessed valuation of about \$15,000,000.

Chest X-Ray Unit Will Visit Knappa

7/24/46
The mobile chest X-ray unit which has taken more than 2,000 X-rays in Clatsop county, will be at the Knappa grade school Thursday forenoon and at the Bradwood mill in the afternoon.

Myron Jones and Mrs. Francis Donaldson are in charge of the appearance of the unit in the Knappa-Svensen and Brownmead areas.

All residents are offered the services. Mrs. Ronald Smith is in charge at Bradwood, assisted by Mrs. J. Thompson of Clifton.

On Friday, the last day for the X-ray unit in the Clatsop county, it will set up at Wauna in the forenoon and in Westport in the afternoon.

All Health Nurses Quit Posts

7/18/46
Three Resign From Jobs With County

Resignations have been received from all three nurses of the Clatsop county public health department, it was learned today from letters on file in the county court house.

Contrary to a Wednesday press report, stating that one public health nurse and the clinic nurse had submitted resignations, it was confirmed today that both public health nurses and the clinic nurse have submitted their resignations.

Ethel I. Gunderson and Dorothea F. Miller, public health nurses who are qualified as such by virtue of nine months special training, indicated that they were resigning because the county would not grant an increase in salary.

No Provision Made

Mrs. Mary Ordway, who served a recent less formal resignation to the county court, stated personal reasons for retiring which had no suggestions of any grievance in pay or otherwise.

According to the county health officers' detailed budget request for the 1946-47 fiscal year, there were no provisions made for a clinical nurse this year. The detailed request listed the two public health nurses by name and then, where previous requests listed the clinical nurse, the request named "third public health nurse." Not having the required nine-month special training to qualify as a public health nurse, Mrs. Ordway was not listed as a public health nurse. There was no request for a clinical nurse entered on the 1946-47 request submitted to the county court by Dr. Delbert C. Kelly, county health officer.

Resignation Warning Given

Prior to this year's budget request, the county health department listed two public health nurses and a clinical nurse.

In appearing before the county budget committee recently, Dr. Kelly informed the court that the two public health nurses would resign unless a pay increase was granted. Salaries for the health nurses have been fixed by the county budget committee at \$185 and \$180 monthly. By the state merit system, a clinical nurse's monthly wage is fixed at \$150.

The Clatsop county health department, which last week was notified that three nurses would resign effective September 1, will lose Evelyn Schultz, clerk-diagnographer of the department, about the same time. Miss Schultz's resignation, stating that she plans to enroll in college next fall, was accepted by the court today. 7/21/46

County Health Head Is Fifth to Resign

7/25/46
Dr. Delbert C. Kelly, superintendent of the Clatsop county health department, resigned today. His resignation followed that of four staff members last week.

Doctor Kelly addressed his resignation to Dr. Harold M. Erickson, state health department head, indicating that his resignation would become effective September 2. "Due to ill health, Kelly wrote, 'I hereby submit my resignation as head of the Clatsop county health department.'"

His resignation followed four previous resignations from members of the staff of the health agency.

Public health nurses Ethel I. Gunderson and Dorothea Miller and clinical nurse Mary Ordway were first to indicate that they would quit county health posts.

Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Gunderson resigned following the recent release of the county budget committee to grant a pay increase.

Mrs. Ordway gave private reasons for resigning. All resignations become effective after the first of September.

Yesterday the county court received another resignation from a member of the health department staff, Miss Evelyn Schultz, who plans to enter the University of Oregon this fall. Miss Schultz was retained by the department as stenographer-clerk.

Doctor Kelly's assignment to the Clatsop health group was made last fall by the state board of health. Prior to assignment here, Kelly was a major in the army medical corps, serving overseas.

His successor will be named by the state board of health.

The only member of the health department who has not indicated that he will resign is Buckley R. Vaughan, county sanitarian.

Health Staff Solution Is Long Range

A possible long range solution for the lack of an adequately-staffed health department in Clatsop county was proposed at a meeting of the county public health association Thursday night in the KAST auditorium, but no immediate short range solution was determined. The long range solution would be state aid for inadequately-financed county health departments whose budgets do not permit hiring staffs at today's inflated salary schedules—in which category Clatsop county was placed in a talk to the group by Guy Boyington, county judge.

The association's executive committee will probably make recommendations soon to other county health associations in Oregon that legislation be prepared for the next session of the state legislature to provide state aid somewhat as state aid will be given to schools under the basic school support bill passed by the people last Tuesday.

It was generally agreed at the meeting that health administration should be on a state-wide rather than county-wide level, so that health service could be determined on a per capita basis rather than on a county's tax valuation and budget limitations.

Boyington and Dr. Richard Wilcox of the state health department both pointed out that rising salary scales and the county budget's inflexibility cause the present lack of a county health officer and nursing service.

Boyington said that the county this year budgeted \$21,970 for the health department and only 35 per cent of that amount was federal funds.

Boyington said counties are hiding against each other for health officers and nurses and that wealthier counties get the limited supply of personnel available.

For a short-range solution to the local problem, no recommendation was made as no solution could be found. Only in case of an epidemic or other serious health emergency would it be possible to obtain a health department, it was learned at the meeting, and then only by state action declaring an emergency, assigning personnel to handle it, and billing the county for the cost.

Miss Laura Harstad of the state health department told of the important role of the public health nurse in a health department setup.

Others engaged in the general discussion included Dr. R. W. Kullberg, Mrs. Rose Reith, A. C. Hampton, M. Helmer Lindstrom, Howard Reed, Dr. Peter Lund, William Seeberg, Eli McConkey and County Commissioner Alfton Zundel.

3000 In County Have Received Chest X-Rays

7/25/46
NEARLY 3,000 Clatsop county persons have already taken advantage of the opportunity of having free chest X-rays and blood tests according to a statement issued today by Eric Hauke, president of the Clatsop County Public Health association which is sponsoring the project locally.

The mobile unit will operate in Wauna and Westport Friday, and the portable unit of the state board of health, located in the Burke Motor Sales building on Ninth and Commercial streets, will operate up to 6 p. m. Friday.

There are still a few vacancies in the schedule for Friday and those who are to be served on the Friday day are in an Astoria mail box section, phone 1111.

County Health Solution Still Hunted

Budget The troubled dilemma of the Clatsop county health department, representative of the County Public Health Association, the local medical society and the county commission, agreed that the lack of a staff was the main problem.

The matter was aired at the regular meeting of the Clatsop county health groups, discussing their appointment with a flood of resolutions pertinent to the same matter, and to work out a solution with the county.

For more than three months, the county health department has been without a staff. The health department, which has a medical nurse, tendered their resignations after the county budget voted to increase health personnel wages.

Recent meetings of the county health with members of the state health department have been unsuccessful in re-staffing the department.

The health association and the medical society, its membership comprising local doctors, told the county court today that an "emergency" exists in the county today with several threatening epidemics in evidence. "Hundreds" of cases of mumps exist in the county today. It was reported in one office in a single day, Dr. R. W. Killberg told the court.

One of the most serious arguments, one which requires the attention of public health staff, Dr. Killberg told the session, is born out by tuberculosis statistics which reveal that Clatsop county has 140 cases of "questionable" or "positive" tuberculosis on the basis of 3054 chest X-rays taken recently.

Of 16 counties in Oregon in which the facts were made, there were only one case of the same classification. Clatsop county's list of "questionables" and "positives" far exceeded any other individual county list submitted by Killberg.

The health association sought a resolution by urging the county court to consolidate the wages budgeted in June 1948 and hire less personnel at higher wages.

This proposal, though it would help the health department within an approximate \$20,000 budget for the current fiscal year, was not permissible under the statutes, County Judge Guy Hoyington told the group.

Hoyington said that a similar solution had already been considered by the county. Inasmuch as the health department's budget specifies individual salaries for each member of the department, it is impossible for the court to "juggle" salaries in order to provide a staff, according to legal opinion handed down by District Attorney Garnet L. Green, Hoyington stated.

"If you didn't have laws controlling government bodies, I don't know what we would have," Judge Hoyington told Miss H. E. Abel, health commission representative.

County Commission member Afton Zander advised the health representative that the only apparent solution in the event of an "emergency" would be for the county court and health groups to petition the state health department for aid.

In this way, Clatsop county could possibly pay the bill, in the event that the state must take over the health department.

The health groups, indicating that they won't rest on the matter, said the county should take action to meet the emergency personnel needs to the extent of the budget.

Nursing Jobs Applied for, County Says

Budget The state health department has some applicants for nursing positions and is trying to line some of them up to fill vacancies in the Clatsop county health department staff, according to Miss Laura Harstad, consultant for the health department, who is here today.

However, chances are not good because nurses want more money than budgetary limitations permit the local health department to pay, Miss Harstad said.

Several counties in Oregon have found themselves without health department nurses lately and at least one department, the Wasco-Sherman unit, is without both nurses and health officer, just as is Clatsop.

However, in attempting to fill vacancies, the state department considers the Clatsop situation most serious and is working especially hard to reactivate the local department, Miss Harstad said. This is partly because of the greater incidence of tuberculosis found here than in most places.

One of the main problems in trying to fill health department vacancies is lack of cars, Miss Harstad said. Health nurses require cars and so far only Marion, Hood River and one or two other counties in Oregon provide them. On health nurses' salaries they cannot afford to buy and operate their own cars.

A few counties threatened with loss of health nurses have been able to adjust salaries upward because county budget appropriations for the health departments were of a lump sum nature, Miss Harstad said.

Other counties, such as Clatsop, in which the budget specifies salaries for each individual, have been unable to make such adjustments, and stay within the state budget law.

Although Clatsop's health department is without a health officer and nurses, its records and reports are being maintained in good condition by Mrs. Buckley Vaughn, department secretary, and the department is in position to be reactivated at any time personnel becomes available, Miss Harstad said. She is visiting the county to go over the records and reports with Mrs. Vaughn.

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Parents Told To Keep Sick Kids at Home

Dr. Maynard Shiffer, chief of the maternal and child health division of the Oregon state board of health, speaking before about 150 of the county school teachers yesterday afternoon, emphasized the need for constant watchfulness on the part of the classroom instructor in order to detect evidence of illness in children at the earliest possible time to prevent the minor epidemics so prevalent among school pupils.

The need also for cooperation and understanding of the parents in the matter of preventing the spread of diseases, and the problems confronting the schools in the absence of health department personnel were discussed.

The doctor urged that both teacher and parents recognize the wisdom of keeping "below par" children out of school rather than risk danger to the individual and exposure of other children to contagion.

A slide film entitled "Teacher Observation of the School Child," was used to show the teachers evidence of ailments common to school children.

The conference, the first of its kind in the county, was sponsored by the local medical society, the county public health association, the city and county schools and the state board of health and was held in the Lewis and Clark junior high auditorium.

Astoria Warned Of Social Disease Spread at Beaches

There is reason for Astorians and residents of the Clatsop beach district to be concerned with the spread of social diseases, declared E. G. Scherer, director of social hygiene education in the state of Oregon for the Oregon Tuberculosis Society, in the course of an address before Astoria Kiwanians Thursday at their regular weekly luncheon gathering.

The evidence of promiscuity with a resultant venereal disease increase is apparent in official records of Astoria and beach communities, Scherer said.

Interviewed today on his speech to the Kiwanians, Scherer said that he was not trying to give Clatsop communities the "raspberries" because they actually compared favorably with other sections of Oregon in the program of prevention. But the problem is aggravated in Clatsop beach communities, Scherer said, due to the nature of the beach communities' resort attractions which attract transients of all kinds. A certain attitude on the part of numerous beach visitors, who are out for good times, complicates the prevention problem, he said.

Our program is one of prevention, Scherer said. An important phase of this, now in the introductory stage, is in giving "proper" sex education through our public schools. The old time conspiracy of silence against effective programs of checking social diseases has pretty much disappeared in Oregon and throughout the country, Scherer said, but in its place has come another evil, that of the irresponsibility of parents everywhere and an alarming increase in juvenile delinquency.

Scherer said that there are reports current in Portland that Astoria has recently seriously considered the proposal of establishing the old "red light" district of controlled commercial prostitution, outlawed by military authorities during the war, but that he was glad to learn that such reports are unfounded.

Scherer pulled no punches in declaring his conviction that a return to the "redlight" district control of prostitution in Astoria or anywhere else, is a beginning of backwardness in the fight to check social diseases.

The program, however, of control of prostitution, segregated or restricted, is on that challenges every good citizen of Oregon today, declared Scherer.

V. William Seeborg, immediate past president of the Clatsop County Health association, introduced Scherer at the Kiwanis club luncheon meeting.

Robert Bellis, new 1937 Kiwanis proxy, presided at the meeting. Musical portion of the program was provided by Mrs. George Radich with a group of songs. Mrs. A. J. Antonich accompanying her at the piano.

Clinic Held Here

Twenty-one children were examined at the clinic held for crippled children at the county health department Thursday. The clinic was conducted by Dr. Harry C. Blair, orthopedic specialist; Jennie Jackson, nursing coordinator for the crippled children's division, and Dorothy Finley, medical social worker. Mrs. Emil Bjork, Mrs. Orville Kelsey and Mrs. Joe Nivola of Astoria assisted in registration and getting the children ready for examination.

Clatsop Appoints Health Officer

Dr. James T. Googe has been named Clatsop County Health Officer by the Clatsop County Commissioners.

A native of Mississippi, Dr. Googe was graduated from the Tennessee School of Medicine and the Harvard School of Public Health.

After spending some time as a local health officer in Mississippi he served as Director of Local Health Services in the Florida Health Department, was Assistant State Health Officer in Nebraska, and later served in the Farm Security Administration as Senior Medical Officer.

He was staff physician in the Gulfport, Miss., Veterans Hospital and most recently served with the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration as Regional Medical Officer in China.

2 Public Health Nurses Employed For Clatsop Area

Dr. James T. Googe, new Clatsop county health department head, today announced the employment of two public health nurses—the first nursing staff the department has had since last September—effective immediately on a part-time basis.

Mrs. Bernice Mahony and Mrs. Ruth Moody, well known Astoria nurses, have been employed by the department, Dr. Googe said.

Mrs. Mahony, daughter of John Warila, Astoria, is a graduate public health nurse of the University of Oregon. She has had prior service with the Wasco and Multnomah county health departments.

Mrs. Moody, who served as a staff nurse with the Clatsop department between 1942 and 1945, is a graduate of Transylvania university, having obtained a BS degree from that institution. She received her nursing and public health training at Indiana university. Mrs. Moody served for a short period as a public health nurse in Kentucky.

The Clatsop public health department, without a supervisor or staff since last September when the officer and three nurses tendered their resignation, was "reactivated" May 1, when Doctor Googe, a veteran health officer of wide experience, accepted the post of Clatsop health officer.

Doctor Googe's first official action was to employ the two nurses.

Doctor Found "Interested" In Job Here

Dr. D. T. Googe, veteran of 20 years in public health work, said today that he was very much interested in filling the absent position as head of the Clatsop county health department.

Doctor Googe and A. T. Johnson, administrator of the state public health department, met with the county commission today to discuss the local health officer position, which has been vacant since last September when D. Delbert C. Kelly resigned.

Doctor Googe, a man of middle age and a self-described "gadabout," now lives in Denver, Colo., after recently returning from seven months of public health service in China with the UNRRA.

"I've been all over the world in public health work," he said. "I'd like to settle down and stick." "I want to do some fishing," he added.

In China, he was regional medical officer for the Anhui province along the Yangtze river, serving about 22,000,000 people. Prior to the war he was senior medical officer out of Denver with the farm security administration, serving a large area of the mountain states and parts of the southwest and northwest.

A native Mississippian, Doctor Googe graduated from the University of Tennessee school of medicine and the Harvard public health school.

Dr. Googe Takes Position as Head Of County Health

Dr. James T. Googe, Denver, has sent word to the Clatsop county court that he will accept the position of Clatsop county health department head, effective May 1. Dr. Googe, a veteran public health officer, told the county court last week that he is interested in the Astoria post and would like to settle here. He asked for further time to consider.

The Clatsop county health department has been without a director or nursing staff since last September when the health officer and three nurses tendered their resignations.

Dr. Googe, whose duties here will include directorship of the Clatsop department, is expected to arrive in Astoria soon. His family, now living in Denver, will join him when living accommodations are secured.

County Hires Health Nurse

Mrs. Nettie Alley Condit, wife of Columbia county Rep. E. H. Condit of the Oregon legislature, was today appointed supervising public health nurse of the Clatsop county public health department by the Clatsop county court.

Mrs. Condit started public health work in Kentucky and served for a considerable time in Oregon prior to the war. During the war she was a commissioned officer in the U. S. public health service.

She has a BS degree from the University of Oregon and received her general nursing qualifications at the Walter Reed hospital.

Mrs. Condit is the first full-time nurse to be added to the Clatsop office since it was reactivated this spring. She has had specialized training in tuberculosis and has almost completed work for a master's degree in public health.

Health Officer Resigns After Taking Job Here

Dr. James T. Googe, Clatsop county's newly-appointed health officer, has written the county court from Colorado resigning his position because of ill health.

The county court regretfully accepted the resignation Wednesday and has asked the state health department to seek a new health officer.

Dr. Googe came here from a UNRRA job in China, but his health was not good and he went to Colorado recently in an effort to regain it.

Mrs. E. H. Condit, chief nurse of the department, will be in temporary charge, with a staff of two part time health nurses, while Buckley Vaughn, sanitarian, will continue in charge of the sanitary department.

Dr. Vernon Didn't Agree That Women Belonged Behind Aprons

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It was the second story in a series of the six city employees who for the provisions of the men law.

He remember when Vernon first set out was the Astoria of that the woman cool reception

Most male physicians believed a belonged behind a house of a doctor's apron. Dr. Vernon did not agree. Clatsop county began to like her woman; to believe in her as a doctor. She never refused a call.

By horseback or buggy. At home or on foot, she went wherever she was needed.

Dr. Vernon was born in 1861 in Clatsop county, Wash.

But her best birth story was about herself, as she said: "I was born in jail." Nellie Smith was born in jail at least, above it. Her father was a police official who lived above the Vancouver jail in Clark county, Wash.

Nellie Smith Vernon's medical education began after she was married and had two boys. Her husband helped her get through the University of Oregon medical school.

Marriage and two children did not prevent Dr. Vernon from taking a medical for scholarship of her classmate, left current for a few years. Dr. Vernon served awhile at a Salvation Army home in Portland. Then she came to Astoria.

Astoria's community Dr. Vernon with public health. She initiated medical examinations for all food handlers from square vendors to bar tenders.

She campaigned for sanitation. People said that Dr. Vernon would crawl under a building where a rat was afraid to go to look for it.

Dr. Vernon was not a person who would be afraid of a rat. She was a person who would be afraid of a rat. She was a person who would be afraid of a rat.

"She means what she says," they agreed.

One day a huge logger had his head split open in a beer bottle brawl in the gambling district. "I don't want to know a doctor around me," he roared, and turning Dr. Vernon as she approached. Dr. Vernon kicked him in the shin, and sewed up his head.

She organized public health in all the schools. She had to teach children and parents alike. Convincing a mother not to sew up her child in winter woods was one of her many problems.

Appreciative parents remember Dr. Vernon as a pioneer in keeping accurate and complete birth records. She kept her own file, lengthy and complete. This was invaluable in the recent people-seeking birth cert defense job.

Drivers, who took her on frequent calls, remember her indomitable spirit. Once she was on the top of a steep muddy hill, a driver explained. Somehow Dr. Vernon had to descend the hill to reach her patient. She sat on her black bag and slid down.

After a number of years as county health officer, Dr. Vernon became only health officer in 1916. In later years she administered anethetics for many of the operations at St. Mary's hospital.

Dr. Vernon's will never gave up, but her body finally did. She had endured severe back pains and one serious automobile accident.

Though she would like to have continued her work, it was necessary for her to retire. Last December she left Astoria and is now convalescing in Portland.

Astorians Reassured In 1st Polio Attack

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Astoria today reported its first case of infantile paralysis this summer as the physician of Mrs. Marjorie Larsson, 558 Grand, diagnosed her illness as poliomyelitis.

"Astoria is not a poliomyelitis danger area, and the disease has been comparatively rare here," physicians reassured anxious citizens fearful of a spread of the disease.

The rarity of the disease here has been attributed to the lack of flies. Exact causes of the disease are not known, but the "polio" season apparently accompanies the fly season.

Mrs. Larsson's physician reported that her illness is under control and that her temperature is now normal. She was first taken ill a week ago and was taken to Columbia hospital after she complained of pains in her back.

Her physician assured Astorians who have already shown signs of becoming "panicky" that there is far more danger of contracting the disease from the man on the street than the man in the hospital with the disease.

"One Portland hospital does not even actually isolate a poliomyelitis victim, but treats him as a general patient," the physician said.

The Clatsop county paralysis organization, headed by Harold T. Johnson, is aiding in the case and is attempting to obtain two Red Cross special "polio" nurses for the patient. If needed, an iron lung can be brought from Portland by the fastest possible transportation.

Mrs. Larsson recently won a \$5 prize for writing the best letter of the week to the Astorian-Budget on the need for a public comfort station.

The disease effected Mrs. Larsson on one side and part of her face, her physician said. The effect on her back is not yet known, he continued, but her case is under control. She is being treated with packs and her temperature is normal.

Information and suggestions for precautions against polio listed below are based on a bulletin distributed by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.

1. During an outbreak be alert to early signs of illness or changes in normal health. Persons with an unexplainable fever should be put to bed.
2. A physician should be called immediately.
3. These simple precautions should be observed: keep flies away from food; pay careful attention to personal cleanliness; avoid tonsil and adenoid operations during epidemics; maintain community sanitation at high level at all times; do not swim in polluted water; avoid all unnecessary contact with persons with any illness suspicious of polio; avoid over-tiring and extreme fatigue from strenuous exercise; avoid quick changes of temperature.
4. Hysteria should be avoided when cases occur in the neighborhood.
5. Attempts to stop epidemics by closing places where people congregate have been unsuccessful. Reducing contact, however, should lessen the chances of infection.
6. There is no known specific treatment or "cure" for polio. But competent medical care can reduce virulence of the attack.

Baby Clinic Set For April 19

The first Well Baby clinic for infants and children of pre-school age, sponsored by the Seaside Junior Woman's club in cooperation with the Clatsop county health office, will be held April 19 from 10 a. m. to 12 a. m. and from 1 to 3 p. m. at the Woman's clubhouse. Dr. Leonard Kahl, county health officer, assisted by two county nurses, will have charge of the clinic.

This project of the Junior Woman's club which was discontinued for some time during the war years, will be held once a month. Children entered at the clinic will be given a complete physical examination and periodic check ups. No charge will be made for the service given but appointments must be made ahead of time.

All those wishing to take advantage of the clinic this month are asked to call 824-W before Monday. Mrs. Wilbur Leutyler is general chairman of the project and her committee consists of Mrs. Fred Peterson and Mrs. Leonard Wascher.

School Districts Approve Speech Correction Plan

All Clatsop county school districts have approved the plan for a speech correction teacher next fall have supported the proposal.

Dr. Leonard Kahl, county health officer, states that there are some districts which have yet to report. A preliminary survey of children in county schools revealed that there are at least 60 students with serious speech defects.

Three-fourths of the speech specialist's salary would be paid by the state. The plan provides that Astoria would pay half of the remaining salary and the other school districts in the county the rest. Astoria's school districts had already voted its \$500 for the project.

Health officials are also hopeful that donations from other groups will provide an audiometer and a speech mirror to be used for city and county students.

40 Cripples Attend Children's Clinic

From clinic camp, county health officials said.

Dr. John Marxer, Portland orthopedic specialist, was present at the clinic. He was assisted by the county health office staff and by two volunteer helpers from the American Legion auxiliary, Mrs. Louis Schauer and Mrs. Oscar Gustafson. Health officials reported that the number of children appearing this year for examination was larger than ever.

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Well Baby Clinic



Mrs. Bernice Warren, Red Cross nurse's aid, lifts Donna Jean Boyd, 18 months old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Burl Boyd, Naval hospital housing, onto the scales while Dr. L. M. Kahl, county health officer, manipulates the scales. The weighing, which doesn't count as the first step in the baby's examination, is the first step in the baby's examination. The clinic is held in the county health office building, which are conducted throughout the county.

New Baby Clinic Open Wednesday At Bradwood Area

The second session of the new Clatsop county series of baby clinics will be conducted at Bradwood Wednesday, it was announced Monday by the Clatsop county health department.

The clinic will be held from 1:30 to 3 p. m. by Dr. Leonard Kahl, county health officer, assisted by Mrs. Ruth Moody and Mrs. Nettie Condit, county nurses. It is designed for the use of infant and pre-school age children, and any county resident can bring a child in that classification for attention.

An enthusiastic public response was received at the first clinic, conducted two weeks ago in Waukena, health officials announced. It is planned to conduct similar clinics later at Seaside, Riverwood, and Warrenton.

Vaccine Sent For Workers; Shots Urged

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Dr. Kahl said inoculations should be given all persons working in flood area, all persons who left flood areas and plan to return, and all people whose private water systems might be contaminated by flood water or seepage water.

Dr. Kahl announced the following inoculation schedule:

Friday, 9:30 a. m., Brownsmead store for Brownsmead district residents.

Friday, 11 a. m., Union hall, Bradwood, for Bradwood-Clifton district residents.

Friday, 1 p. m., Red Cross room, Wauna, for Wauna-Taylorville district residents.

Saturday, 8:30-12 a. m., for all persons missed in Friday's inoculation schedule Saturday inoculations will be given at the health department office in Astoria.

Dr. Kahl said inoculations will not be offered Astoria residents, as the water supply here is unaffected by flood conditions.

Dr. Kahl emphasized that typhoid inoculations include a series of three, one week apart, and that inoculations offered this week are only the first of the series.

Health Officers To Convene Here

Health officers and sanitarians of Oregon counties will come to Clatsop county for their annual conventions October 27-30, according to Buckley Vaughn, Clatsop sanitarian, who spent the weekend in Salem with Dr. Leonard Kahl, county health officer. They discussed convention plans with state health department officials.

The health officers will hold their convention at the Gearhart hotel and the sanitarians will meet at the Seaside hotel. The two groups will also hold several joint sessions.

Recommendations for changes in state health laws may be made at the conventions.

TB Is Major Health Dept. Problem Here

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Tuberculosis remains as Clatsop county's major public health problem, an annual report just completed by Dr. Leonard Kahl, county health officer, has revealed.

A total of 10 new cases were discovered as the result of the annual survey conducted in the fiscal year 1947-48 under auspices of the County Tuberculosis and Health association. There were other cases reported by private doctors. Dr. Kahl said.

CROWDED HOSPITALS

The problem of treating tuberculosis is increased by the fact that state tuberculosis hospitals are crowded and have waiting lists which require a patient to wait several months before admission, Dr. Kahl continued.

Despite the high prevalence of TB in Clatsop county, the county is too small to support its own isolation hospital.

Dr. Kahl also added that the long period of time required for the treatment of TB makes it financially impossible for the greater part of the population to pay for private treatment.

SEALS PAY BILLS

Dr. Kahl pointed out in his report that the TB survey made by the County Tuberculosis and Health association is financed by money raised through the sale of Christmas seals. Part of the equipment and personnel required for the survey are furnished by the county health department.

The health department does all of the follow-up work on TB cases discovered through the survey. A total of 319 home visits to 313 persons was made by members of the health departments nursing staff in 1947-48 in connection with TB work.

In addition to this, 82 additional x-rays were taken by the county, 220 sputum samples were collected and sent to the state board of health for diagnosis, and 331 TB skin tests were done at the county health office. Five physical examinations of persons unable to pay for private examination were made.

VD GOING DOWN

Dr. Kahl's report said that venereal disease is on the decrease in Clatsop county, after reaching a high mark during the war.

The county health department has discontinued treatment of VD. The cases usually are treated by private physicians, and those unable to pay can be treated free of charge at the Portland Rapid Treatment clinic. A large number of the reported cases are military personnel, the report said, and are treated by their branch of the service.

However, the health department reported that a total of 116 nursing home visits were required to investigate contacts named by known cases of VD. The department made 642 tests for VD during the year.

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\$350 Is Donated For Hearing Test Machine Purchase

The Astoria Elks lodge has donated \$350 toward the purchase of a machine which will be used to test the hearing of Clatsop county school pupils.

The machine, which is called an audiometer and somewhat resembles a radio transmitter in appearance, will be given to the county health department.

It will be used not only by the health department but by the special speech instructor who works in all Clatsop county schools, aiding children with speech and hearing defects.

The audiometer can be set to any sound wave frequency desired. The subject being tested puts on ear phones. By using a dial graded from 10 to 100 degrees, an operator makes the test.

Sweeping the dial across the various degrees, the entire speech range of the human voice can be covered. If the subject, for instance, shows ability to hear the range at 70 degrees, he has a 30 per cent hearing loss.

The machine to be purchased will cost a little more than the \$350 donated by the Elks lodge, but the health department will make up the difference.

Audiometer Given To County Health

Formal presentation of an audiometer to the Clatsop county health department was made Thursday evening by George Burton, exalted ruler of the Elks lodge here, on behalf of the lodge.

The audiometer is an instrument for testing hearing loss in individuals. It was accepted by Dr. Leonard Kahl, county health officer.

The audiometer will be used by the department in its work and by Miss Gladys Mumford in the speech correction work she is conducting among school children in the county.

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VD Publicity Drive Begun

A stepped-up campaign of publicity to fight venereal disease in Clatsop county is being planned by the county health department, Dr. Leonard Kahl, county health officer, said Tuesday.

A recent state health department survey revealed that the county's VD rate jumped considerably last year, pointing out that this fact was due to the establishment of a county health officer here who found the cases.

Dr. Kahl added Tuesday that the state health department statistics also were inaccurate in that

they failed to differentiate between civilian and naval VD.

A percentage of the cases come from the Angle Point naval station, Dr. Kahl said, and since these cases are included in the county's report.

Dr. Kahl has been informed by naval officials an intensified campaign against VD already is underway at Tongue Point.

Typhus Rats Unfound In Clifton

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Typhus-carrying live rats were sought last week in the Clifton area when a trace of scrub typhus infection was believed found in the blood of some residents of the area.

The search, which had proven unsuccessful, ended Saturday when a final diagnosis was received from the Rocky Mountain laboratory at Hamilton, Mont., stating that the suspected scrub typhus was definitely not present.

Dr. Leonard Kahl, county health officer, reported that the search for live rats began after a state board of health check on blood tests from three Clifton patients of Dr. George W. Smiley led technicians to suspect typhus infection was present.

The blood tests were sent to the Montana laboratory, for a definite check.

County health officials then went to work around Clifton to trap live rats to send to the laboratory. Lice carried by rats are the source of typhus infection.

The rats had to be caught alive in order that a laboratory check could be made to determine if the animals actually were carriers.

"We tried every trap known," Dr. Kahl reported, "and not a rat did we get. We've used the same traps in other areas of the county and had no difficulty getting some specimens."

Dr. Kahl reported that health officials were relieved to learn that the typhus scare was a false alarm. He believed Clifton rats are unusually clever, Guatemot.

Dr. Fred Rawls Takes Duties of Health Officer

Dr. Fred Rawls will take over the duties of Clatsop county health officer on September 1, replacing Dr. Leonard Kahl, who is going on leave of absence.

Dr. Rawls, a member of the Astoria Clinic in the Spexarth building, will serve as county health officer until about July 15, 1950.

He will give up his private practice at the time he assumes the new position, devoting his full time to the health officer's post.

Canadian Nurses Due In

The shortage of nurses in the United States has caused the Clatsop county health department to seek in Canada for replacements on its local staff. One of the vacancies is that created by the resignation of Mrs. Ruth Moody, who is returning to her home in Kentucky. The other vacancy has been unfilled for several months. The two Canadian nurses are Misses Waverly Watson and Elley, who are coming from the University of British Columbia, Vancouver, the latter part of this month.

Warrenton Organizations Plan Chest X-Rays for All Residents



Volunteers from civic and fraternal organizations in Warrenton met in the city hall Tuesday afternoon at 2 o'clock to receive the supplies and instructions on scheduling people for a chest X-ray by means of a house-to-house campaign. An attempt will be made to persuade every resident of the city of Warrenton to have a chest X-ray when the mobile unit is stationed there July 25-26-27 and thus become the first incorporated city in the state to achieve a 100 per cent record.

Pictured is the planning committee for the survey.

Grant, Warrenton physician; Mrs. J. E. Rebeck, Joda; Mrs. L. M. Ledgerwood, Parcel; Mrs. E. J. Baldwin, co-chairman; Mrs. Rex Butler, general chairman; Mrs. L. Olney, co-chairman; Emerson, city manager; Lawrence, Olney, secretary of the TB association; Mrs. H. Allen, secretary of the Lions club; and Mrs. E. Olney, Lions club representative.

Chest X-Ray Time Again

The Clatsop County Tuberculosis and Health association is beating the drums again for its annual chest x-ray survey to be held July 19-30.

It is always a little surprising that the association has to out into the highways and byways every year to persuade people to come in and have this examination made.

Particularly it is surprising because Clatsop county has always had one of the highest tuberculosis death rates of any county in Oregon.

One would think that people would leap at the chance of this free examination to determine that they don't have this insidious disease. It is worth the effort, just in peace of mind to learn one is free of TB. And it would be worth the effort if one learned that he had the disease, just to catch it early enough for a cure.

Tuberculosis requires long hospitalization and costly care. Clatsop county has 13 patients in the state hospital and it is costing \$2,262 a month to care for them in the state sanatoria. This cost might have been largely avoided had the cases been found early, as they would have been by annual chest x-rays.—FA

Clatsop County Teeth Are Worst In All Of State

CORVALLIS (Special)—The variation in amount of dental decay in school children 14 to 16 years old in Clatsop and Coos counties as compared with those in Deschutes and Klamath counties is the subject of a scientific report in the August issue of the Journal of Dental Research.

Written by Dr. D. M. Haddimani and Dr. Clara Storkvik, both of the research staff of the school of home economics here, the article presents some of the results of the field work undertaken with a mobile health unit.

The work was done as part of the state-federal cooperative research on the relationship of nutrition to tooth decay.

The report shows that Clatsop children had the highest percentage of total defects in their teeth and Klamath children the low

est. The combined Clatsop and Coos groups showed significantly more decay than the combined Deschutes and Klamath groups.

Factors that may be responsible for the difference are still being studied and will be reported on later. The investigators say it is apparently not merely a difference in water supply.

The field study made in these four counties confirmed earlier observations on native Oregon freshmen students examined at Oregon State college a few years ago. These indicated geographical differences in tooth decay in Oregon while also indicating a much higher percentage of tooth troubles than has been shown in most other state surveys.

Number of decayed, missing and filled teeth for 15-year-olds averaged 15.1 for Clatsop county, 13.6 for Coos, 12 for Deschutes and 9.6 for Klamath. These compare with 6.6 in a survey in Hagerstown, Md., 6.5 in San Francisco, and 6.9 in New York City.

In general boys showed a lower rate of decay than girls for the same age, though the teeth of the girls had been kept repaired somewhat better. Out of 741 children examined in the four counties, only 14 were found to have no dental defects. Eight of these were in Klamath, three each in Deschutes and none in Clatsop.

The authors say that an extension of the survey over the entire state would be of value as an aid in public health programs and to measure future improvement.

1st Clatsop Polio Case In '49 Found

Infant Care Courses to Open in Nov.

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The first polio case in Clatsop county during 1949 was reported Wednesday after Alan G. n, 9-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Gann, Wauna, was admitted to the Emmanuel hospital in Portland on Saturday.

The boy exhibited symptoms of "the spinal type of poliomyelitis," characterized by weakness of the legs, County Health Officer Fred F. Rawls said Wednesday.

Alan had been sick for about two weeks, Dr. Rawls said, but was thought to be suffering from spinal meningitis, a disease with very similar symptoms.

Alan's case apparently is a mild one, Dr. Rawls said, and other children in the family have given no signs of contracting the disease.

"There is no indication whatever that other cases should be expected locally," the health officer said, "and no cause for any alarm among Clatsop county residents."

Funds probably will have to be obtained from the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis to supplement local chapter funds in the treatment of Alan's case, according to Bob Hart, a member of the chapter. Local funds were depleted, Hart said, by the expenditure of nearly \$10,000 on two polio victims here last year.

Alan will be given the "ster Kenny" treatment at Emmanuel hospital, according to the county health officer. The treatment consists chiefly of physiotherapy and the use of hot packs.

Alan is only the second child to be stricken with polio in Clatsop county during recent health officer records show. In 1941 contracted polio, and in 1942 adult cases were reported.

Polio is not a contagious disease, but, once contracted, being made in its treatment. Only about 10 per cent of those who contract it survive.

Health classes, **Budget 7/19/49**

Children, the health officer said, and the various types of disease cause more deaths than any other affliction when they are considered as a group. Cancer also was named as a more serious danger than polio, though many of the deaths basically due to cancer are officially attributed to other diseases which set in after the cancer has been diagnosed.

Expectant mothers and fathers can save themselves some worry and do their "new arrivals" a favor in advance, Frederick F. Rawls, county health officer, said Wednesday, by enrolling for a course to be offered locally beginning early in November.

A series of eight two-hour classes will meet weekly during evenings to study mother and baby care, simple physiology and anatomy of the pregnant mother, and the proceedings which will take place in the hospital, including labor and delivery.

The course has been planned by the county health department, and will be offered free to all interested. Location of the meetings will be announced later, Dr. Rawls said, but ample facilities are assured.

Prospective mothers and fathers are requested, however, to telephone the health department and register as soon as possible, to enable arrangements for the proper number of students.

The course has been successfully presented in Portland and elsewhere, Dr. Rawls said. Outside speakers will be brought in and movies will be shown, but instruction will be handled chiefly by the county health officer and nurses.

Doctors Don't Expected to Get Caught Unprepared for A-Bomb

By JOHN VALLEAU
Astorian-Budget Staff Writer

An A-bomb blast over Clatsop county will not find the area's doctors unprepared.

Data is being gathered and plans outlined for submission December 3 at a meeting in Portland where all counties are to report on their progress.

The county programs are not designed solely for use in case

of an atomic blast, but rather to collect information about medical and hospital resources available, and to organize personnel for prompt use in case of any disaster.

Heads Defense

Dr. Leonard Kahl, designated by the governor to be in charge of the medical aspects of civilian defense here because of his capacity as county health officer for Clatsop, also is a member of a seven-man disaster committee appointed by the Clatsop County Health society.

Dr. Kahl said the first point emphasized by Dr. Sam Osgood, state health board member who addressed Clatsop doctors Monday on the subject of civilian defense, was the need to appraise this area's vulnerability to other types of havoc than enemy bombing.

The program should be directed to cope with large-scale casualties resulting from other threats believed to exist here, Dr. Osgood said.

Different localities should be prepared, for example, to meet the destruction wrought by earthquake, or fire, or flood. Then the "medical defense" strategy and tactics worked out will be kept on a standby basis for their value in peace or war.

After determining what types of disaster a community must face, Dr. Osgood said, the next step is to survey existing medical facilities—the number of doctors, hospitals, nurses available, what supplies of common drugs ordinarily are stocked by hospitals and drugstores. Reports on these factors will enable the central group of planners for the medical aspect of civilian defense in Oregon to chart and graph on a broad scale.

Then if Astoria should be stricken with mass casualties, officials

at Portland would know how much additional morphine or penicillin or other indicated need would have to be sent here. Or if Portland should be bombed or burned, defense heads would know what emergency supplies could be expected from here.

Sites Needed

Third step recommended is a cataloging of Clatsop sites which could, in emergency, be used for hospital beds—for example, the county farm, where perhaps 80 beds could be set up; the armory and hitch.

Final phase of the preliminary local survey is the forming of teams by the doctors themselves. Certain teams will be ready to go elsewhere, as to Portland, if needed for emergency there. Another team would minister to local hospital patients coming to Astoria from other stricken cities. And another group would take over the care of local patients who develop routine, "everyday" ailments.

Regular Cases Also

Even after an atomic bombing, Dr. Kahl pointed out Wednesday, some cases of appendicitis and ptomaine poisoning would pop up as usual, and would require care.

Appointed earlier as a nucleus group to plan the participation of Clatsop doctors in civilian defense, the county medical society's panel includes, besides Dr. Kahl, Drs. Noel Rawls, A. J. Kerbel, M. Spalding, E. J. Hall, Frank Fowler and R. W. Kullberg.

Dr. Osgood gave the Clatsop society information—some of it said to be confidential—on A-bomb casualty probabilities. Much of the material was speculative, Dr. Kahl said, as observed results from the bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki would not be duplicated in an American city, for many reasons.

People are not so concentrated in small living areas, buildings are far sturdier and far better supplies for care of the injured would be available in an American city, Dr. Kahl said. The size of the bomb would vary, and it is likely—with America's radar and civilian defense setups—that more warning of the blast would be available.

Finally, an important factor would be the availability of prompt assistance. Many thousands died at Hiroshima who could have been saved if medical care had been forthcoming from nearby areas immediately after the blast.

If, that is, Hiroshima and other Japanese cities had had a civilian defense medical care program arranged in advance, as Oregon counties now are doing.

Help can be sent to a bombed city at once without radiation danger to the rescuers, Dr. Kahl said. The hazard from radiation left by an atomic bomb exploding above a city ends after one to three minutes, as heat from the blast sweeps upward.

Unless a heavy rainfall at that minute precipitates the radioactive particles downward again, they will be diluted and dispersed. Lingering danger occurs on a large scale only in water, after an under-water explosion such as was tried at Bikini.

Dr. Kahl said nobody wants to belittle the disaster which would come with an atomic bomb explosion, but that estimates recently published in Japanese and in American cities.

Anyway, Clatsop county doctors are going to plan rescue and care for the injured in case of an atomic attack.



TAKES OVER Frederick F. Rawls, M. D., assumed duties as Clatsop county health officer September 6. He replaces Dr. Leonard Kahl for one year while the former health officer studies for a master's degree in public health at the University of Minnesota. Dr. Rawls took his pre-medical work at Oregon State college, his degree at University of Oregon medical school, and his internship at Holy Cross hospital, Salt Lake City. He spent 2½ years in the army air force and the same length of time with the Astoria Clinic, before joining the county health department in private practice. He was a general practitioner, with emphasis on obstetrics. (A-B Photo and Engraving) Budget 9-22-47

Dr. Kahl Back on Job

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Dr. Leonard Kahl returned Monday to his duties as county health officer and Dr. Frederick F. Rawls, who has filled in for the past year, moved to Seaside for private practice.

Dr. Kahl, who began in the public health position here in September, 1947, has been at the University of Minnesota graduate school in public health since August, 1949. Mrs. Kahl and their two sons accompanied the doctor east for his specialized study.

"Glad to be back—the weather's better here," was the health official's comment on his return. The Kahls will reside at Youngs River in a home they purchased just before leaving for Minnesota.

Dr. Kahl said he will continue to be available to the county health department in case of an emergency. He will also be available to the county health department in case of an emergency.

RETURNS—County Health Officer Leonard Kahl, M. D., returned to duty here Monday after a year's study at University of Minnesota graduate school of medicine. During his leave Dr. Kahl was replaced in the county health office by Dr. Frederick F. Rawls.



"DON'T NEED DOCTORS"—These kids were waiting for the county health doctor and nurse to be judged the healthiest. Selected by the county's 4-H clubs as their best representative submitted to examination for the title of Clatsop's healthiest. Seven more will make their try county at the state fair in Salem, competing for titles as Oregon's healthiest boy and girl. Monday afternoon.

ROUND UP SUCCESSFUL
Mrs. J. K. Kerner reports that the summer round up of children which was to succeed sixteen youngsters the first grade in were given physical examinations.

Donor she son and Mrs. from Astoria, assisted with the examination. Mr. Henry Desler, Raymond Maine helped the children. *Seaside Signal 7/50*

Westport Youths Are Judged Healthiest in Clatsop Area

A pair of Westport 13-year-olds were judged the healthiest boy and girl in Clatsop county Tuesday afternoon when Dr. Frederick Rawls, county health officer completed physical examinations of the top candidates from each of the county's 14 4-H health clubs. Dorothy Ann West, 13, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. S. West, Westport was judged the healthiest girl in the county over 13 other girls, each judged the healthiest in her own club. Donald Baileys, 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Baileys, also of Westport, was named the healthiest boy in the county over the same number of contestants. County health nurses had previously judged the healthiest boy and girl from each club and they came to Astoria Monday and Tuesday for their complete physical examinations.

Now Hear This--You Can't Fool Clatsop's Audiometer

By JOHN VALLEAU
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You can't kid an audiometer, which is a small machine that looks like a table-model radio with different colored earphones. An audiometer costs about \$350, and not many county health offices in Oregon have the use of one. The Clatsop health office does, thanks to the local Elks club's program of helping handicapped children. Tests Ears
It's a device to test hearing. It has at least two other uses besides determining the per cent of hearing loss in an individual. Draft board doctors can use it to tip up any young man who claims his hearing is defective, so should excuse him from military service. Some prospective here reportedly have had red faces regarding this matter. One reason the machine can't be fooled is that the earphones operate independently of each other. Only the examining doctor knows which earphone he's going to send sound through. The

examinee's hearing response: are recorded and graphed at different frequencies and decibels, and the audiometer operator knows which patterns are to be expected. Tips Speech Trouble
A more frequent and more important use of the device is to discover why some children have speech defects. A child which can't hear some tones easily, can't be expected to reproduce perfectly the words it only partially hears. Often, doctors say, parents worry over a child's apparent inability to pronounce some sounds but never suspect the real cause of the trouble until partial deafness is finally discovered. Whether the child has both hearing and speech defects or only the former, the audiometer has value. Because, as Dr. Leonard Kahl, county health officer pointed out Wednesday: Early Does It
"As with any other physical test, the earlier hearing problems are found the easier they are to treat and correct." Dr. Kahl had used the audiometer on 40 individuals, chiefly children in the upper school grades and draft examinees who claimed or were suspected of having hearing trouble. Among this selected group Dr. Kahl found that 60 per cent showed a definite hearing loss, and 20 per cent were so seriously handicapped they required immediate medical treatment. Tested 234
Richard Lamy, director of special services for the city schools, has tested 234 school children here with the machine, including every first grade child in Astoria except those at the Tongue Point school.

This group was not limited to those with suspected defects, so Lamy found a much lower proportion with such trouble. Only nine had hearing trouble—about four per cent of those tested, which is considered average for this section of Oregon. Lamy has written the members of BPOE lodge 180 that the audiometer they provided makes possible "a very important phase of our expanding program for handicapped children." But not only the nine local benefited. Positive data was obtained regarding the others, and that has its value in ruling out one possibility in any troubles they may develop. Tests Bone Conduction
The audiometer is equipped with a device to test sound conduction by more direct bone contact than that effected when hearing is through the eardrums. This enables a doctor to determine whether hearing aid will be of benefit to the child. The sound-producing portion emits sound at frequencies from 125 to 12,000 cycles a second. The "critical hearing range" is roughly 250 to 6,000 cycles; anyone who can hear sounds throughout this bracket can get along without trouble in daily life. A musician needs greater range of hearing, but need not go above 12,000 or 125, Dr. Kahl said. Dogs Discomforted
Dogs are known to hear frequencies several thousand cycles higher, but Dr. Kahl said the high ranges cause the animals some discomfort, which may be why they howl to accompany a violin—to drown out the painful frequencies. Nazi Scientists, Dr. Kahl said, used extremely high frequencies as a method of torture, causing individuals extreme pain by subjecting them to the vibration of "sounds" which they couldn't hear.

FIRST AID—AND PLENTY OF IT—Hal "Gumbo" Dean looks as if the first aid he got from Los Angeles City Scouts in celebration of National First Aid Week might be his last. The Boy Scouts are, left to right, Billy Alrenal, Arthur Elanich, Warren Stevenson and Dan Kraus.

locals and the final judging. For Baileys it was the second time he had gained the honor. Two years ago Donald was named the healthiest boy in the county. The two winners are scheduled to get a trip to the state fair at Salem next September where they will compete for the "healthiest boy and girl in Oregon" title. Second place positions were awarded Jovce Johnson, 11, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Johnson, Fernhill and to Roy Dunn, 13, son of Mr. and Mrs. R. Dunn, Olney. The runnersup will serve as alternates in case either of the winners is unable to take part in the state contest. The two winners were selected of almost 400 members of health clubs in the county. County health nurses today were examining the records of all health club members to determine the boy and girl who have shown the most health improvement during the past year.

The health improvement contest is a separate contest from the one decided Tuesday and is determined on basis of examinations given in the fall and another examination given recently. The pair showing the greatest improvement during the year will be given scholarships to the 4-H club summer school in June. All health club members were scored last fall by the county nurses and were checked again this spring to determine the amount of improvement during the year. Schools in Westport, Knappa, Olney, Clatsop Plains, Gearhart and John Jacob Astor in Astoria have one or more health clubs that entered the contest. Dale Hocker, county 4-H club director said.

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All Examined

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Astorian Budget Staff Writer

infection, a section of the city placed in recent years in the X-ray, the tuberculosis is a prominent place in the city. The city and TB fight Monday when tests begin in seven schools.

Those pupils of the district three grades at the Keapapa school, whose parents consented to be the first group tested. They the cases will move to the Lewis and Clark school in Astoria to coordinate a survey including a rural and a compact rural, and an urban area.

The main purpose is not to dis-

third of the total were past 54 years of age.

And although TB deaths declined in every younger age group—as much as 26 per cent for those between 15 and 24—the mortality among people 65 and older increased from 1947 to 1948.

So it's adults the health authorities are hunting—adults who have TB and don't know it, or who don't realize how communicable it is.

There's a double reason for the resumption of the skin test. First, it reveals tuberculin infection sooner after exposure than an X-ray does. And second, it can be administered in the home to an entire family.

Getting all members of that family to come to a health office or even to a mobile X-ray station would be, in most cases, quite difficult. And the older members who are in the most personal danger, would be the most reluctant to make the necessary trip.

Writing recently on the proposed wider use of the somewhat neglected skin test, Dr. Grover C. Bellinger, president of the American Tuberculosis society, denied that too great emphasis has been placed on the X-ray diagnosis.

"We need to use the two procedures as a team," Dr. Bellinger said, "one to locate infection, the other to check on this finding in the individual."

A child who shows a positive reaction to the skin test will then be X-rayed for a lung shadow. Some children show evidence of being infected with tubercle bacilli when given the skin test, but prove able to "wall off" the bacilli by calcifying it, so it never develops into "clinical tuberculosis," Dr. Leonard Kahl, Clatsop county health officer, explained today.

But whether the children themselves are in danger or not, they provide a tip-off to the existence of a carrier among the people

PORTLAND (U.P.)—Six-year-old Karen Antilla of 2593 Cedar Astoria, remained in fair condition at Good Samaritan hospital here today after state police yesterday escorted her here for treatment for poliomyelitis.

Attendants said the girl was receiving oxygen periodically and that her temperature still was

Police escorted the girl here because of her need for an oxygen tank.

They are in contact with. If Jim
Die develops a small red spot
on his arm where the tuberculin test
was made, he is an effector.

Contact Check

Other "contacts" of the infected child will be checked too, in the attempt to discover adult source cases for their own sakes.

9-12-52

New Polio Case Here Is Reported

The onset of diphtheria in the area appeared to have Friday, but at least one darkened the Clatsop.

At Tongue Point convalescent hospital, Terry Bretz, 7, lived here. H. H. Bretz took the child to Portland's Doernbecher Memorial hospital for children Thursday.

The Navy Heights child was the fourth Clatsop resident to be stricken with polio since September 5. The disease appeared on that date in Astoria's Uppertown; in Seaside September 8; and on the southern edge of Astoria, at 78 Olney, this week.

Polio had previously struck another Uppertown child, Karen Antilla, 2593 Cedar, July 10, and an Astoria man recovered completely after polio diagnosis early in the summer.

Dr. Leonard Kahl, county health officer, said Friday no information was available regarding the condition of the latest four patients. Reports from Portland hospitals are difficult to obtain, he said, as doctors there customarily leave the duty of workers the forwarding of information regarding a patient's progress, and the social workers frequently are absorbed in other duties.

Sent to Hospital
Another Astorian—an eight-year-old girl who has been ill for a week—was sent to the Good Samaritan hospital in Portland Friday for further examination as a polio suspect, but presence of the disease had not been confirmed by noon.

Diphtheria, meanwhile, apparently had "burned itself out" in this area, Dr. Kahl said. Two of the three individuals living in or near Wauna who were isolated Thursday after they reported they had sore throats seemed to have recovered by Friday. The third had no additional symptoms. Negative reports were received Friday from Portland on cultures of cases and in those of a Wauna boy and a Columbia county adult who received anti-toxin shots Wednesday as definite diphtheria suspects, as well as in five other cases.

"Out of Woods"
"I believe we are 'out of the woods' now," Dr. Kahl said Friday concerning the diphtheria threat, "although of course it is always possible that more cases will appear."

A Wauna fisherman, Ernest Brecke, died last Friday of diphtheria; James Swint, Wauna mill employee, was hospitalized Monday; and J. J. Swint, contacts of Brecke's have been examined daily since last week by Dr. Kahl. Cultures have been taken in 40 cases but no latent carriers have been found and source of Brecke's infection is not yet known.

The negative reports from the state board of health laboratories indicated that only two Clatsop residents—Brecke and Swint—had contracted the disease.

Creates Worry
An Astoria physician pointed out that the occurrence of diphtheria in a community always creates worry in the minds of everyone who develops a sore throat. He added that the taking of a culture is the only way to obtain a certain diagnosis, and that the disease must be caught early to assure good chances of recovery.

In regard to polio the problem is even more difficult. No "biologic tests" for polio are known, the doctor said, and diagnosis generally is based on the concurrence and sequence of symptoms including fever, sore throat and paralysis, which also occur in

Another Complicating Factor

The doctor said, is that some cases are abortive, the patient recovering before paralysis develops and thus, probably developing some immunity at least to the particular polio strain involved.

Such cases frequently are not reported, and the absence of such reports makes the incidence of polio appear even more sporadic, and the pattern less consistent, than it actually is.

Often a patient with fever and one or more of the other symptoms must be considered technically a "polio suspect," the doctor said, because physicians cannot close their eyes to the possibility. But rumor too frequently translates such conditions into side-walk reports which produce hysteria within a community, though the cases later are proven to have been some other infection than polio.

More Disease Cases Feared In Clatsop

County within 10 days probable diphtheria cases, the fourth and fifth in a week, were reported here. Doctors emphasized that all three diagnoses were yet to be positively confirmed.

Mrs. M. J. Baker, 26, at 78 Olney, developed parotitis Wednesday and was admitted to the Good Samaritan hospital in Portland last night after an Astoria physician found symptoms indicative of polio.

Mrs. Baker is the wife of a maritime commission employee here.

Fourth Case
Miss Baker's is the fourth case of polio in Clatsop county this year. An Astoria child who lived in Uppertown was taken to a 13-month-old infant from the same area, September 5; and a 9-year-old Seaside boy Friday night.

Continued spread of diphtheria, which last Friday took the life of Ernest Brecke, Wauna fisherman, and Monday struck James Swint, Wauna mill employee today with reports of the two new diagnoses.

The disease was still confined to the people with whom Brecke had been in personal contact, and Dr. Leonard Kahl, county health officer, emphasized that the diagnoses have not been positively confirmed.

Anti-Toxin Given
Anti-toxin was administered to both individuals, however—Wauna boy and a Columbia county adult who came to Wauna Wednesday to have Dr. Kahl examine a sore throat.

Anti-toxin shots are not ordered by Dr. Kahl unless danger of diphtheria seems clear-cut and immediate. In these two cases, the doctor said, both individuals were known to have been exposed both had sore throats; and slides taken for examination were "suspicious" though not conclusive.

Cultures taken and sent to the state board of health laboratories at Portland are expected to confirm or refute the indications, but reports will not be available before Thursday evening, since the culture must be incubated.

Three other individuals who had been in contact with Brecke reported sore throats yesterday when Dr. Kahl arrived at Wauna for his daily examination of all people known to have been exposed. Slides taken to St. Marys hospital here "showed nothing" in these three cases, Dr. Kahl said, but the three have been isolated as a precautionary measure.

Dr. Kahl withheld the names of the five individuals concerned pending conclusive evidence as to whether they have been infected.

No report had been received from Portland this morning, Dr. Kahl said, regarding the condition of Clatsop's polio and diphtheria victims sent there.

Diphtheria Is Cause Of Death

A laboratory examination showed that Ernest Brecke, Wauna fisherman who died Friday in Astoria, had been a victim of diphtheria.

A search for all persons with whom Brecke was in contact recently produced 51, who said they had been with him.

All have been with him, though none showed any signs of illness, Dr. Leonard Kahl, county health officer, said Monday.

Dr. Kahl said 22 people were known to have been in close contact with Brecke. Whether the other 29 were actually exposed is considered questionable, Kahl

The first test taken here after Brecke was hospitalized Thursday gave negative results as to diphtheria, but a second culture taken after death was sent to the Oregon state board of health laboratories Friday, to check the first results.

Brecke became ill Sunday night, but did not enter the hospital until Thursday morning. An hour later he received treatment for both diphtheria and Vincent's angina, but with no effect on his identical symptoms.

Dr. Kahl said fatality from diphtheria is in direct proportion to the elapse of time between the onset of symptoms and the beginning of treatment, and said the 3½ day delay in Brecke's case probably is to blame for his death.

When treatment is given within 24 hours, Dr. Kahl said, "practically none" die, but if five days elapse 75 to 90 of the victims die.

Anti-toxin, used after exposure, gives immediate immunity lasting two or three weeks.

But it is too dangerous to use "routinely," as it produces painful reactions, especially in adults. Many adults have developed partial immunity through repeated mild or distant exposure in years past, A. Schick test will reveal, Dr. Kahl said, whether an individual is susceptible.

A three-month series of toxoid shots can be given to produce immunity, but for one to five years. The county health officer said he personally believes taking the series of shots is advisable, despite the unpleasant reactions many people suffer. A considerable proportion of physicians are reluctant to give the shots, he said, partly because many adults have "latent" immunity and because diphtheria, especially during the past 15 years, has been brought under control to a point where it is now uncommon.

Children and teen-agers are most susceptible.

Brecke's "contacts" are being examined at 24-hour intervals not only for their own protection but because one or more of them may be carrying and harboring the bacteria and transmitting them even though he shows no symptoms.

"Brecke got diphtheria from someone," Dr. Kahl said, "either someone sick with it or the type of carrier who is not, himself, affected."

Probably 95 per cent of school children have been inoculated, Dr. Kahl said, but there is no law requiring inoculation and some parents forbid it. Booster shots generally are useless unless the original inoculation was had within the past 8 or 10 years, he added.

Most of Brecke's contacts are considered out of danger now, Dr. Kahl said, because diphtheria symptoms usually develop within 10 days after exposure, and most of them were exposed that long ago.

Now Is Time to Declare War On Rats, Exterminator Says

It is the season when cold, rainy weather tends to seek shelter indoors, according to C. W. Fisher, head of the contracting firm that does rat control in the city of Astoria and several private industries in the area.

Fisher, who was to inspect progress of his rat-killing operators in Astoria, warned householders that now is the time to clean their basements and remove any sources of rat food or harborage within doors.

Fisher estimated that rat population of Astoria has been reduced 50 per cent in the past year or so by various new rat control measures that have been put into effect, and this opinion was endorsed by Buckley Vaughn, county-city sanitarian.

Fisher said his firm could not claim all the credit for the rat population's decline, but that the city's new garbage ordinance, increased effort by private property owners, cleaning up of various vacant lots and similar measures have had an important effect.

Fisher reported today after a tour through the downtown tunnel system and other places where his firm does rat baiting that he "didn't see a live rat on this visit—the first he has made in several months, and that he thinks conditions definitely have improved."

"But the fight against rats must be maintained steadily, and conducted everywhere in town," he said. "If efforts were relaxed in just one downtown block, so that rats could find food and harborage, they would increase amazingly."

Fisher said that Astoria was one of the pioneer cities in employing a rat-suppressing contractor on a regular basis, and that since Astoria began its program more than a year ago some 10 other northwest cities have adopted similar programs.

But he emphasized the importance of having private property owners be particularly vigilant against rats for the next four months.

"November, December, January and February are the worst months of the year for having rats inside buildings," Vaughn said in endorsement of the warning. "People must be careful not to leave anything they can eat."

TB Radio

Drama Set

Budget 3-20-51
The first of a series of radio dramas, based on true experiences of people who have won victories over tuberculosis, will be narrated by Henry Fonda today at 6:30 over KAST.

The broadcasts entitled "The Constant Invader," will be presented by the Clatsop County Tuberculosis and Health association in cooperation with the station's management every Tuesday and Thursday at 6:30 p. m. for the next six weeks.

Fonda is supported as narrator of each of the 15-minute broadcasts by professional actors and actresses, many of whom have starred on stage and screen as well as on radio, according to Mrs. Harvey Abel, executive secretary for the association.

This is one of five series of programs that have been written by H. H. Chaffin for the control of tuberculosis. Narrators on the other four series are Hollywood stars Ray Milland, Herbert Marshall, Lionel Barrymore and novelist A. J. Cronin.

The series with Lionel Barrymore as narrator can be heard over KVAS.

These programs are being recorded as a part of the drama program being carried on in cooperation with the station's management every Tuesday and Thursday at 6:30 p. m. for the next six weeks.

Chest X-Ray Zone Leaders Meet Tuesday

Budget 3-5-51
Chest x-ray zone chairmen of Clatsop county are meeting Tuesday at 1 p. m. in the newly established chest x-ray survey center at 381 Commercial, next to the Clatsop county health department.

Chest x-ray zone chairmen are in charge of organizing volunteers for the chest x-ray survey which will start March 26 at Elsie and at Seaside.

Two Oregon state board of health's x-ray units will be used in the five-week survey.

Dr. Leonard Kahl, director of the survey, will give a short interpretation of the disease tuberculosis.

Mrs. Harvey Abel, executive secretary of the Tuberculosis and Health association, and in charge of volunteer organization, will explain organization plans.

Miss Bertha Parkhurst, health education consultant from the Oregon state board of health, in charge of publicity, will introduce the volunteer kit and explain its use.

A telephone will be installed today at the Clatsop county chest survey center. Mrs. Jalmer Johnson, Astoria volunteer chairman, will have her headquarters at the chest survey center.

Beginning April 9, a chest x-ray unit will start operating at the center.

Never before have the people of Clatsop county declared such an intensive all-out fight against tuberculosis, officials said. The goal is x-ray 100 per cent of all adults 15 years and over in Clatsop county.

Radio Station's Program Tells Of TB Control

Today's story of the Constant Invader series to be heard over KAST every Tuesday and Thursday at 6:30 p. m. during the Clatsop county chest x-ray survey tells about the part the private physician plays in the control of tuberculosis in a community and points out that the family doctor is our "first line of defense" against tuberculosis.

The current Clatsop county chest x-ray survey has been endorsed by the local Medical Society. All persons found to have a chest abnormality will be referred to their family physician.

These radio programs are sponsored by the Clatsop County Tuberculosis and Health association and the KAST radio management.

Zonta Club Works On TB Campaign

The Zonta club has taken the responsibility for calling on all the business places in down town Astoria to urge the management and all the employees of every establishment to have chest x-rays during the current x-ray survey.

This is the third time the club has cooperated by sponsoring the promotion project health association officials said today.

In west Astoria, Mrs. D. E. McPerson will serve as a special volunteer to contact business places and urge persons to have x-rays when the mobile unit is located at the Union Town Park Station from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. on Thursday, April 12.

Area X-ray Campaigners Hold Meet

Budget 3-7-51
The first group of Clatsop county chest x-ray area chairmen braved cold, wintry, slippery traveling and met yesterday, March 6, at the newly established Clatsop county chest x-ray survey center, 381 Commercial street to learn more about tuberculosis and their part as area chairmen in the coming Clatsop county x-ray survey.

Area chairmen present were: Mrs. Ethel H. McCoy, Olney; Mrs. Penicilla Donaldson, Browns; Ray Salmi, Browns; Ben Van Buren, Browns; R. G. Butler, Warrenton; A. F. Seppa, Lewis and Clark; Mrs. William Lindgren, Youngs River; Mrs. Harold Withnell, Astoria Marine addition.

Astoria area chairmen present were: Mrs. Jalmer Johnson, city chairman; Mrs. Douglas Mattice, Mrs. Albert Hyde, Mrs. Harold Snow, Mrs. Edward Lundholm, Mrs. D. N. Zeller, Mrs. John F. Bend, Mrs. L. S. Seppa, Mrs. Olive Dunn-moor, Mrs. Berwyn Williams, Mrs. John Verschuieren, Mrs. Edmund Hansen, Mrs. Elaine Reese, Mrs. A. H. Malner, Mrs. Warren Grimberg, Mrs. W. Osterby.

Dr. Leonard Kahl, director of the survey and his lin officer for the Clatsop county health department, stressed the fact that tuberculosis is a catching disease and passed from one person to another.

Tuberculosis is not an inherited disease he said but close family contact is responsible for the disease spreading in families where there is a case of tuberculosis, especially an unknown case.

Need Facts
Mrs. Harvey Abel, executive secretary of the Tuberculosis and Health association in charge of organizing volunteers stressed the importance of every volunteer learning the facts in regard to tuberculosis and the present survey so that they in turn can answer any questions that may be asked about the x-ray program.

The neighborhood volunteers are being organized in such a manner that every home in Clatsop county will be visited by one of these volunteer workers. Information about tuberculosis will be left at the home together with a schedule of x-ray hours and location of x-ray units.

Miss Bertha Parkhurst, health education consultant from the Oregon state board of health in charge of local publicity, explained that this survey was being brought to Clatsop county by the Oregon state board of health.

Other meetings for the training of area chairmen and neighborhood volunteers have been called by the survey director. On March 13 at 1 p. m. and on March 14 at 7:30 p. m. at the Clatsop county chest x-ray survey center, 381 Commercial street across from the bus depot. At these meetings Dr. Kahl will talk about tuberculosis facts.

Mrs. Abel will explain organization plans and Miss Parkhurst will explain the use of volunteer kits. Mrs. Jalmer Johnson, city chairman, will outline areas and number of homes to be called on by each neighborhood volunteer.

Other meetings for the training of volunteers will be held at a later date. It is estimated that 1500 volunteers will be involved in the county program and it is hoped that everyone of these volunteers will have the opportunity to attend one of the training meetings, officials said.

You're Never Too Old



Up and came in to have a free chest x-ray examination today as the state health department's unit moved into Astoria. She is shown being positioned in the x-ray machine by one of the technicians operating it. The machine is located at the former KAST commercial, and will remain there through most of the month. Health authorities

Plan Biggest X-Ray Campaign

Budget

Mrs. Johnson Heads X-Ray Campaigners

Budget 2-28-51

Hundreds Agree Aid X-Ray Drive

Literally hundreds of Astoria residents have agreed to serve as neighborhood volunteers in the coming chest x-ray survey, Mrs. Jalmer Johnson, area chairman for Astoria, reported today.

Tuesday afternoon more than 60 of the neighborhood leaders met at the city center, 9th and Commercial street, to receive information about how to proceed in the task of persuading their neighbors to have an x-ray.

A slide film on tuberculosis was shown and explained by Dr. Leonard Kahl, county health officer. Mrs. Harvey Abel, executive secretary of the Tuberculosis Association, and Miss Bertha Parkhurst, health educator from the Oregon state board of health, explained in detail the educational material to be used by the volunteers.

Every volunteer will be asked to attend at least one session in order to learn some of the answers to the questions most frequently asked about the survey. Mrs. Johnson said her meetings for volunteers will be held this evening (Wednesday) at 7:30; Friday at 1 p. m., special meeting which had

Appointment of Mrs. Jalmer Johnson, lifetime Astoria resident, as chest x-ray chairman for the city, was announced today by Dr. Leonard Kahl, county health officer.

Mrs. Johnson will have responsibility of organizing the city into geographical districts and selecting chairmen for each district, who will in turn select neighborhood leaders to turn out 10 families each. Twenty chairmen must be chosen by next Tuesday.

In this way it is hoped each family will be informed concerning the objective of the survey and will be urged to take part.

Dr. Kahl said Mrs. Johnson said that many volunteer workers will be needed, anyone who wishes to help can get in touch with her at telephone number 627-R and that all volunteers will be welcomed.

A Chance Not to Be Missed

The pending effort to obtain chest x-ray examinations of all Clatsop county adults provides a health opportunity that no individual should miss.

These chest x-rays are given free by the state board of health, the county health department and the county Tuberculosis and Health association. They provide a test as to whether tuberculosis is present.

Many individuals take the test, but the best reason for getting it is the peace of mind of knowing for certain that he does not have tuberculosis. If he should be found to have it, the chances are excellent that the discovery will be made, through the x-ray test, in time to permit comparatively easy and inexpensive treatment. If he should be found to have it in advanced state, he can be treated properly and isolated from others so that he will not spread the disease.

The testing will give a fine chance at partial health examinations free. The individual who doesn't take it will be cheating himself.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

(Editor's note: The following is a letter recently received by Astoria Lodge from Dr. Leonard Kahl, Clatsop County Health Officer.)

February 16, 1951
Astoria Lodge, No. 180
The chest x-ray survey for adults in Clatsop County starts on March 26th and will continue throughout April. It is hoped that 100% of all adults, fifteen years of age and over will take advantage of this survey and get their chest x-ray. Every member of the lodge should be sure that he and all adults in his family get an x-ray.
No undressing!
No waiting!
No cost!

Leonard Kahl, M. D.

Your Editor can't help but add a personal note to this appeal as expressed by Dr. Kahl. Having spent two years in a tuberculosis sanatorium as a patient, we are particularly cognizant of the need and desirability of such a survey as the one contemplated here during March and April.

Hundreds and hundreds of undiagnosed cases of active TB are roaming our streets and public places, constantly acting as a source of infection to those of their friends and business acquaintances that they chance to come in contact with. It is only by such means as these cost-free mass x-ray surveys that TB can be controlled and eventually stamped out completely.

TB is not nearly the dread disease it once was thought of as, and if discovered in its early stages, is readily arrested and the diseased person returned to an

active life. Unfortunately, the symptoms of tuberculosis are not noticeable in most instances to the person infected until the disease has progressed to a considerably advanced stage. Only with a mass x-ray survey such as this can it be found during its early stages and action taken to stop its further progress.

We appeal to each and every Astoria Lodge to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to help yourselves and your friends. Be one of the first to pay your visit to the x-ray headquarters for your chest x-ray. Don't put it off. The life you save, may be your own by acting quickly and now.)

Proof of the Value

The discovery of seven tuberculosis cases plus more than two score other chest ailments as result of last spring's mass x-ray examination campaign proves the worth of this effort.

The only thing to be regretted is that some 20,000 other Clatsop county citizens did not get chest examinations along with the 11,000 who did.

Had we had a 100 per cent coverage of the county's population we could have gone a long way toward total elimination of tuberculosis from this community.

Perhaps next time we have an opportunity for mass examination of the whole county population we will be one nearer to the 100 per cent goal. Undoubtedly these seven people who had tuberculosis are deeply indebted to the x-ray test. It may have saved their lives.

X-Ray Program Gets Good Start

ASTORIA, March 28 (Special) The five-week effort to give tuberculosis chest x-rays to all adults in Clatsop county got off to a good start Monday when 284 residents of the Jewell area were X-rayed by a mass testing unit stationed at Jewell.

Officials of the Clatsop county health association, working with volunteer workers, were turning up people for examinations all over the county, said a blind woman, an 86-year-old man and a 70-year-old man who walked four miles into Jewell were among those examined.

The mobile unit was moved Wednesday to Seaside.

Health Group Seek X-Rays Of All Persons Over Age 15

A five-week effort to have every Clatsop county resident over 15 years old get his or her chest x-rayed will begin March 26, it was announced today by the county and state health departments and the Clatsop Tuberculosis-Health association.

The campaign will be conducted as a cooperative effort by these three agencies. It will be the first such effort to cover an entire county ever made in the United States.

Two mobile x-ray units of the state health department will be on duty in the county constantly during the five weeks, visiting many small communities never before visited by x-ray units.

An appeal for volunteer workers in all communities was issued by the three agencies. They may sign in for duty at the Tuberculosis-Health association office, where the telephone number is 1441.

"We will probably need about one worker for every 10 people to go around and urge them to turn out for their chest x-rays," said Mrs. Florence Abel, executive secretary of the association.

Planning started Advance planning for the big x-ray effort got under way this week among Mrs. Abel, Dr. Leonard Kahl, county health officer, and Miss Bertha Parkhurst, Portland, health education consultant of the state board of health. Duty here during the preparatory period for the campaign.

There are an estimated 22,000 adults in Clatsop county, according to Dr. Kahl.

Methods Changed The two mobile units to be on duty for five weeks will have a capacity of 30,000 chest x-rays during that period, Mrs. Abel said.

There will be two changes in method of examination of chests during the forthcoming effort, Dr. Kahl reported. These are:

1) No appointment will be required. No effort to make appointments will be made.

2) People being examined will not have to undress as in the past. This is expected to halve the time it takes for examining a

Clatsop X-Ray Drive Underway: Man 86 Years Old Is Tested

Clatsop county chest x-ray unit which opened in the Jewell section Monday, related 284 x-rays were taken in the first day.

The first person to get an x-ray was Mrs. Merle E. Thedeman told x-ray technician that she gets an x-ray when she comes to her health department.

When asked how he heard about the survey he told them that the first he had heard of it was when a neighbor told him about it that morning.

The oldest person at Elsie was George D. years old.

The West Oregon Electric Co. furnished free electricity and hook-up service.

Mrs. Harold Tonole and Mrs. Vincent were local volunteers in charge of the Jewell-Elsie program.

All people in the area who missed x-ray yesterday are urged to get x-rays at one of the other x-ray centers, officials said.



From left are George Derrick, 86, long time resident of Nehalem Valley, C. L. Warden, C. L. Warden, and R. L. Camberg wait in line for chest x-ray while x-ray mobile unit was in the Nehalem Valley.

Clatsop's Biggest X-Ray Check Hopes to Get 80 Pct. of Adults

Groundwork for the biggest tuberculosis x-ray campaign in Clatsop county history was laid this week.

A goal of examination of at least 80 per cent of the adult population, figured at nearly 20,000 people, has been set in meetings of the Clatsop county health department and the tuberculosis and health association.

The program is a joint project of the two organizations in conjunction with the Oregon state board of health. Tentative plans for the campaign were made at a meeting Monday.

7,000 Was Best

Best age in past years was 25 to 34, which was examined, which was 70 per cent of the adult population, based on the 1940 census.

The association will be in charge of all promotion for the campaign, will recruit volunteers, and do much of the advance work of the survey. The county health department will be in charge of the results are diagnostic and will handle the follow-up.

"Bell Ringing"

M. E. Age, executive secretary of the Tuberculosis Association, said the educational campaign will be almost a door-to-door ringing job, to see that every adult in the county is informed of the tests. It is the biggest task ever to face the organization.

Dr. Kahl explained that one of the main target groups will be people over 60 years of age. These people, the doctor said, are often who are the most likely to have TB.

Age Is Changed

The age of TB victims has changed from the 20 to 30 year age group to the old, in the past 30 years, the doctors said. Young people now are examined regularly—all colleges have TB examinations upon entrance, big industries provide the service, many companies insist their employees be x-rayed. But the older people don't get the x-rays.

As an example Dr. Kahl pointed out the case of a 78-year-old man who was found to have TB last week. The oldest, who lives in Astoria, had opportunity to have x-rays in six different surveys in the past six years, he said, but didn't take any of them.

The executive secretary of the Tuberculosis and Health association announced the program at a meeting Tuesday. The local medical association and the state board of health have not yet passed on it.

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NAVY FLYS X-RAY—The navy figuratively hoisted the x-ray flag this week at Navy Heights when the Oregon State Chest x-ray unit visited the area in a house-to-house drive. R. W. Kurz, shown in bottom picture with x-ray technician H. Sargent, is being prepared for a picture.

(US Navy Photo)

50 Per Cent Of Clatsop Is X-Rayed

5-2-51

Twice as many persons had chest x-rays in the recent survey than had ever been x-rayed in any single year before, Health Department and Tuberculosis association officials said today.

The total of 11,576 x-rays taken is roughly 50 per cent of the estimated adult population of the county. Although the number of x-rays taken was less than had been hoped for, health officials said other favorable aspects of the program may compensate for this lack.

While an accurate check is not available at this time, it is believed on the basis of limited study, that a higher percentage of persons never having an x-ray before had one this year, and evidence is quite conclusive that the percentage of older persons having an x-ray was much higher, it was stated.

The cooperation of all agencies and individuals in the county was excellent, the group said. The newspapers, radio stations, schools, organizations and industries, without exception, gave all possible aid to promotion of the survey, it was reported.

Most of the smaller localities showed a greater per cent of adults x-rayed than was recorded in the more highly populated areas. It is believed possible that when a thorough check on population figures is made, some communities may have reached the 80 per cent goal, the report said, a complete evaluation of the survey will be made within the next few months.

In the meantime the health department is busy with the follow-up of the survey. Where miniature x-ray readings reveal a possibility of tuberculosis, a 14x17 follow-up film is taken after which the patient is referred to his private physician for such further diagnosis and treatment as may be necessary.

The x-ray units used in the survey were the property of the Oregon State board of health.

Oldsters Get X-Rays



Among the oldest Clatsop citizens to get their chests x-rayed during the current campaign of the state and county health departments were Anton Kvistad, 90, left, and Christian Olsen, 96, Uppertown residents who came down and were examined while the mobile x-ray unit was at 32nd and Franklin Friday morning. (A-B Photo)

2480 X-Rays Films Shot

The first week of the chest x-ray survey in Clatsop county counted a total of 2480 miniature films taken.

The following communities surveyed: Jewell, Elsie, Cannon Beach, Seaside and Gearhart. Dr. Leonard Kahl, of the health department reported today.

Next week the portable unit will be in Warrenton at the fire hall from 11:30 to 7:30 each day Monday through Friday. The mobile unit will be at Hammond on Monday, 12 noon to 8 p. m.; Lewis and Clark Consolidated school No. 5 from 10 a. m. to 2 p. m.; and Riverwood housing project from 4 to 7 p. m. on Tuesday; Olney grange hall, 12 noon to 8 p. m. on Wednesday; and the Astoria high school from 9 to 12 on Thursday.

No appointments are necessary and persons living in any part of the county may have a chest x-ray at any of the locations, Dr. Kahl said.

X-Rays Record For 1 Day Hit In Astoria Drive

very was the largest number in a single day, officials of the health department reported today. The county total to date is 6904.

The x-ray center will operate today from 9 to 5 while the mobile unit is stationed at the CRPA Elementary school to x-ray all of the employees of that industry.

State of the Sea Parents is serving as volunteer at the center today while the Captain Robert Grav Parent Teachers' association is furnishing volunteers at the cannery location.

Tomorrow the x-ray center at 9th and Commercial will again operate from 9 to 5 while the mobile unit will set up at the fire station in Uniontown from 9 to 5 o'clock.

Volunteers at the downtown location tomorrow are the Order of Amaranth and at the Uniontown location, the Anchor club.



CHECKBACK—One of the final stages in the x-ray program is the checking with those who show signs of the disease by photographing them again on a large x-ray to make certain. Dr. Leonard Kahl, county health physician, is shown inspecting an x-ray with a Clatsop county resident who recently had a small x-ray made.

11,000 May Miss X-Rays Here; Program Lagging in Final Days

There are 11,000 Clatsop county adults who'll miss a free chest x-ray unless they act immediately on by April 25.

And if they do act immediately or by April 25, the county will reach its goal of 20,000 x-rays in the greatest health checkup ever undertaken.

"Only by finding people who may have tuberculosis and referring them to their own physicians for further study, can Clatsop county conquer one of its worst enemies tuberculosis," Dr. Leonard Kahl, health officer said.

The goal of 100 per cent of all adults in Clatsop county is far

from giving the type of tuberculosis control service in this county that they would like to give, officials said.

Control of tuberculosis can be effective only if an entire community participates in the control program, it was stated. Lack of information on tuberculosis, among certain groups, was blamed said Mrs. Harvey Abel, executive secretary of the tuberculosis association for many Clatsop county adults, delaying having their chests x-rayed.

It is evident, she said, that an educational program is not reaching all the people of Clatsop county. She explained that it is the goal of the Tuberculosis and Health association to reach all people that tuberculosis is a catching disease; that the germs may spread from one person to another in many different ways; and that the germs may be breathed through dust particles or transmitted by a drinking glass.

Many persons may unknowingly have tuberculosis and it may be years before the person infected with tuberculosis begins to have any symptoms.

The dreaded disease strikes most frequently between ages of 15 to 45 years. It also strikes heavily in the older age groups. Advance in medical science have cut down the fatality rate of tuberculosis and prompt treatment when x-rays disclosed infection in many instances, arrest the growth of the disease, said Mrs. Abel.

Officials of the Clatsop county x-ray survey have urged all adults 15 years of age and over to the advantage of the free chest x-ray at any one of the mobile units.

Clatsop County

HIGHLIGHTS OF CLATSOP COUNTY'S mass chest x-ray survey, now underway through the joint sponsorship of the Clatsop County Health Department and Clatsop County Tuberculosis and Health Association:

1. Advertisements dot the county, some being printed in Finnish to attract that large segment of the population.
2. A State Board of Health x-ray unit, capable of taking up to 900 pictures a day.
3. Astoria is a city of many food packers and handlers, and they turn out by the hundreds.
4. "Step up . . . take a deep breath . . . hold it . . . that is all". A chest x-ray takes only a few seconds, but can add years of life to those found to have tuberculosis.
5. Dr. Leonard M. Kahl, Clatsop County Health Officer, explains a chest x-ray to one of the recipients of the free service. Suspected cases are referred to their own physicians.



NOT SNAKE SKINS—These "hides" are not snake skins, but some of the thousands of x-ray pictures recently in an effort to stamp out the disease. All citizens over 16 are urged to have their x-rays this week.



Clatsop Scheduled For Guidance Clinic On Child Welfare

Budget 7-15-51

The interest shown by leaders in various community groups and agencies has virtually assured Clatsop county of the services of a traveling child guidance clinic. Dr. Leonard Kahl, county health officer, said today.

Purpose of the clinic in its first stages will be to instruct parents and child welfare workers of the county who are faced by children. Dr. Kahl said. It could be more adequately called a guidance clinic for parents, he explained.

Negotiations began several weeks ago by a committee of the county tuberculosis and

health association called a meeting of agency representatives to determine the needs of the county in the area of social and mental health. Miss Mary Ellen Turlaw, volunteer worker with the health association, acted as leader.

Agencies Take Part

The churches, the welfare department, the YMCA, USO, the police department, the probation officer, the parent teachers and the health department took part in the discussions.

Subsequently, Dr. Charles Bradley, head of the child guidance

clinic of the University of Oregon medical school, sent his representative to Astoria last month to confer with the local group in order to plan what might be done in this community.

The clinic will be on a demonstration basis, Dr. Kahl said, visiting the county for two days at a time in the fall and again in the spring.

The clinic will be held November 16. The ministers, physicians, movement officials, well-to-do workers, or any individual in the county working with children may refer cases to the clinic by word through the health department.

County-wide

Dr. Kahl emphasized that the clinic will be held in Astoria alone, on county medical so has approved the clinic.

Itch it was the general of the local group that could be available

Steps of program would need community educational work with citizens with the order for it to be most effective to inform the community about child guidance

County health officer Dr. Leonard Kahl said today that the county health department will be holding a dance clinic in Astoria from 8 to 11 p.m. about 600 people are expected to attend.

Dr. Kahl said that the county health department is planning educational meetings of this sort are being planned, Dr. Kahl said.

Individuals who took part in the original planning meetings included Mrs. Rose Reith, Tom Wells, Miss Virginia Kizer, Emmett Towler, H. A. Ellsworth, Lloyd Craft, Russell Walker, Mrs. H. Lindstrom, Mrs. John Robe, Carl Bourne, Mrs. Florence Abernethy, Miss Mary Ellen Turlaw, Mrs. John Fastabend, Rev. Harold Gehlert and Dr. Leonard Kahl.

FOOD CONSULTANT HERE

Miss Chedwah van Tijn, Nutrition Consultant to the Oregon State Board of Health, will be the guest speaker and will show a film on "Child Nutrition and Diet."

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Program to Help Reduce Number Of Cancer Victims Is Planned

Budget Dec. 31-1951

Why should we have a cancer program in Clatsop county? This question was answered at the first meeting of the community steering committee for the Clatsop county cancer program, held the evening of December 27 at the county health department, 379 Commercial street in Astoria.

Ray Burback, chairman, explained that the Clatsop county health department, Clatsop County Medical Society, and county chapter of the American Cancer Society are sponsoring a program which will aim to reduce the number of cancer deaths for the county.

He stated that many of the people who die from cancer could be cured if they sought medical attention early enough, and that this program will provide an opportunity for the public to learn the symptoms of early cancer, and will point out the importance of early medical attention, as well

as the value of periodic medical check-ups.

Dr. Kahl, county health officer, explained the background of the program. He stated that the elaborate cancer detection centers in some of the larger cities in the United States have two major drawbacks: these centers represent duplication of equipment already available elsewhere; and the cost of discovering each cancer case is tremendous—a few thousand dollars per case.

He stated that because this community cannot afford elaborate detection centers, the State Medical Society, state board of health, and State Cancer Society attempted to work out an effective method which could be used by this county without requiring the expenditure of large sums of money.

He explained that the physicians of the county are prepared to examine the common accessible sites of cancer in their own

officers without the need for special equipment. He further stated that about one-half of all cancers are found in these sites. He mentioned that symptoms of cancer present in the sites not routinely examined, might also lead to the discovery of other cases.

Burback explained the need for committees to work on the educational program, and the group appointed chairmen for the various committees.

The group elected the second and fourth Thursday nights of each month as their regular meeting dates, and scheduled their second steering committee meeting for January 10, 1952, at 8 p. m.

Child Clinic Plans Made

Dr. Charles Bradley, director of the child guidance clinic of the University of Oregon medical school, Portland, will be in Astoria two days next week to hold the first child guidance clinic here.

Dr. Leonard Kahl, Clatsop county health officer, said his department was in charge of selecting cases to be considered by Dr. Bradley, and that the maximum number that can be considered, eight, have been selected.

The child guidance clinic will be held at the Clatsop county health department offices Monday and Tuesday. No new cases can be considered until Dr. Bradley's next visit, April 21 and 22, Dr. Kahl said.

Only public meeting at which Dr. Bradley will speak will be held at the Seaside Community Methodist church Sunday at 7:30 p. m. That meeting will be open to the public.

Dr. Bradley will also meet with first and second grade teachers of Clatsop county schools Monday and Tuesday during the teachers' workshop to be held in Seaside.

Dr. Bradley will speak at 3:30 p. m. Monday to first grade teachers in room two of the Broadway school, and the same time and place Tuesday to second grade teachers.

Dr. Bradley will also speak to the Clatsop County Medical Society Monday night.

Two Clatsop Polio Cases Are Reported

Reports of two polio cases and a possible diphtheria death in Clatsop county this week were confirmed Saturday morning by the county health officer, Dr. Leonard M. Kahl.

Ernest Brecke, about 40, a Wauna fisherman, died Friday morning one day after being admitted to a local hospital.

His illness was diagnosed as either diphtheria or Vincent's angina—positive laboratory test results had not yet been received Saturday—and he was being treated for both diseases.

Names of the people he had been in recent contact with were obtained from Brecke Thursday, and an effort was under way to get in touch with all of them to guard against spread of the affliction if lab results show he died of the highly communicable diphtheria.

A 13-month old infant, Daniel Holdman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie L. Holdman, 2103 Leif Erikson, was taken to Good Samaritan hospital in Portland Tuesday, diagnosed as a polio case.

Nine-year-old Douglas Combs was taken to the Portland hospital Friday night by his father, Avery Combs, 210 Ninth, Seaside, for polio case.

These were the second and third cases of polio in Clatsop county this year. Neither was in critical condition when taken from Astoria, medical authorities here said.

Clatsop had two polio cases in 1947, three in 1948, and four in 1949. From July to October is the peak period in most of the nation, Dr. Kahl said, but the disease has a wider pattern in areas like this county where winters are less severe.

Parents Club Told Of County Health School Service

What is available to the schools by the Clatsop county health service" was the topic of Mrs. Van Hiney, health service nurse, when she addressed Star of the Sea Parents club Tuesday afternoon.

She mentioned the availability of the clinic and a speech correction teacher, Richard Lamy. Mrs. Van Hiney answered questions after her talk.

Mrs. A. J. Antonich gave a talk on the importance of the March of Dimes drive. The club voted to donate \$5 to this organization.

Refreshments were served by the first and second grade mothers, Mrs. R. Fawcett, Mrs. William Varner, Mrs. Claude Swingle and Mrs. Euclid Abbott.

Before the meeting, Miss Jean Maddox and Miss Patricia Sutkowski played piano duet entitled "Doll Dance." Miss Molly Malarkey sang a solo, with Miss Jean Maddox accompanying her.

Roadside Berry Vines Sprayed; Pickers Warned

County health authorities issued a warning today to blackberry pickers to beware of herbicides in areas adjacent to county roads and state highways where spraying to kill weeds has been in progress.

Both the county and state road departments have conducted spraying operations this summer. The county has used a spray aimed specifically at killing blackberry vines, while the state has used a weed-killer.

Dr. Leonard Kahl, county health officer, said that evidence of use of spray may not appear on the vines for several days after they have been sprayed.

He warned that all blackberries picked near roads should be thoroughly washed, and that it would be well to take no blackberries immediately adjacent to roads or highways unless the picker has absolute knowledge no spraying has been done along that road.

Fluoridation Color Film Is Available

Budget 3-17-52

"A Drop in the Bucket" a new color film on water fluoridation was received today in the office of the County Health Department and is available for loan to any organization in the community.

The film, a 16mm color and sound production, is loaned to the county for a short time only. Dr. Leonard Kahl, health officer said, "Since the film is available, for only a limited time and will be of particular interest to Astoria residents, preference will be given Astoria organizations in case of conflicting requests. The film may be reserved by phoning the Health Department, 518.

This film tells the story of how the community brought fluoridated water to its children, how the dentists, the health officers, the mayor, the water works engineer, and citizens got together and fought for fluoridation before it was the widely recognized public health measure, the health department said.

Based in part on the story of how the people of Newark, Del., added fluoride to their water supply, the film portrays the down-to-earth situations that exist in every community, the typical conflicts, the doubts about fluoridation, and the evidence for it.

It answers scores of questions parents are asking about fluoridation: What good does it do? How much does it cost? What is fluoride? How do you add it to water? What does fluoride look like? Is it dangerous? Does it stain teeth and make bones brittle? Why do some towns take fluorides out of water? Isn't it mass medication? Does it harm water? Does it color the water and make it taste funny?

Produced for the Division of Dental Public Health by Warner Pathe News, Inc., the film should prove helpful to communities and groups interested in getting the facts about fluoridation.

Budget 3-9-52

Five Cents

Question of Fluoridated Water To Be Decided in May 16 Voting

Astoria citizens will decide themselves May 16 whether they want fluoridation treatment given the city water supply.

The city council would subject weeks of debate on the subject Monday night by voting unanimously to submit the issue to the people at the May primaries for a decision that will be mandatory upon the council.

"I'm for it, but I don't want to take the responsibility of deciding," said Mayor Peter Cosovich in a statement that seemed to sum up the council's attitude.

"We would feel a lot better about it if we got the approval of the people," said Commissioner Fred Hauke.

None Against It

Council member Bill Van Dusen

said a half dozen physicians had told him they approved it, and he had found none against it.

Considerable comment came from members of the audience at Monday night's council meeting.

Harold Dahlgren, who declared the Astorian-Budget had made "a slight misrepresentation" of his statements to the council two weeks ago, said that "the idea I intended to convey was that the council I represent the pros and cons on the situation and put them on the people."

Dahlgren said the fluoridation problem poses the question of what increase in incidence of internal cancer in older people results from ingestion of "toxins" in the wa-

ter. He read an article by a research scientist who said more research on the subject is needed.

No Evidence

Clarence Singleton told the council that he had seen no evidence of any greater incidence of cancer or other ailment in areas where fluorides are naturally present in the water supply and that he felt sure the medical profession would have made it known if such were the case.

Dale Salminen told the council that Dr. Leonard Kahl, county health officer, will have a film available for the next month which gives arguments for fluoridation. He said the film will be shown Wednesday evening at a high school PTA session.

Budget 4-20-52

Some Hear It Now, Some Don't



A group of children are being given dental examinations in the elementary school in the city under the supervision of Dr. M. J. M. The children are being examined by the dental staff of the city health department. The testing program also includes the Star of the Sea school (Photo by Bob Norman).

"Facts of Life" Have Changed

4/25/52

An anxiety-ridden world that is creating feelings of insecurity in millions of Americans were described Thursday night by a speaker at the annual dinner meeting of the Clatsop County Tuberculosis and Health association.

Melvin L. Murphy, Portland, executive director of the Mutual Health association of Oregon, told an audience of 85 people that a lot of the "facts" of life have changed in recent years.

"Old truths, that could be relied upon year after year, have changed, and this leaves us in an insecure position," Murphy said. "This is an anxiety-ridden world. About as many bad things use to happen as do now, but it took longer to find out in the old days. Unsettled Feeling

"When bad things use to happen, by the time we found out about them the matter was already resolved, and we weren't faced with the problem of resolving it ourselves. Now we find out things a way, and it gives us an unsettled feeling."

Murphy said the Mental Health

association was trying to help people resolve their anxieties by participating in mental health study groups throughout the state.

The Clatsop County Health and TB association came in for high praise for its recent TB x-ray campaign. Dr. Harold Erickson, state health officer, said Clatsop county was the first county in a state to achieve a record of x-ray for 50 per cent of the adult population. A total of 11,552 x-rays were taken, which was considered to be about 51.3 per cent of the adult population.

Other speakers were Kenneth Ross, Portland, executive secretary of the Oregon Tuberculosis and Health association; Bob Macdonald, chairman of the 1951 Christmas seal sale here and Mrs. Roy Macdonald, social hygiene program worker.

The Rev. Keith Kerr of Westport sang three songs to open the program.

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announced that the board of directors would meet May 8 at 8 p. m. in the association's office to select officers for the new year. Bill Seeborg, chairman of the nominating committee, announced the newly elected directors. Their names follow:

Astoria—Bob Macdonald, Mrs. A. Kukura, Mrs. Rod Macdonald, Stuart Gryzsek, Mrs. G. F. Anderson, Kermit Glumie, Floyd Roth Jr., Art Ellsworth, Mrs. Aid Pete Miller, Robert Bates, Birge Brandt, Chris G. H.

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ELMER THE MYSTERY MAN—Main feature of the cancer drive open house at the old KAST auditorium Saturday was Elmer The Mystery Man. Dr. L. M. Kahl, Clatsop county health officer, is shown pointing out the "Mystery" to Ray Burback and Mrs. Dora Bankhead while the two onlookers sip a free cup of coffee. Elmer is designed to point out the locations on the body which are most likely to show the symptoms of cancer. When the light goes on on Elmer's body another light goes on on a master board to explain exactly what symptoms to look for in that area. (A-B Photo)

The Cancer Program Facts About Cancer Program, Steering Committee Given

This week the Clatsop county cancer program brings you the facts about the steering committee.

What Is It
The community steering committee is a board of directors for the cancer educational program. They set up other committees and coordinate their activities.

Its Meetings
It meets the second and fourth Thursdays of each month at the county health department at 8 p. m.

Your Representative
The steering committee was planned in such a way as to provide adequate representation for the entire adult population of the county. It has representatives from the three sponsoring agencies, representatives from all the different kinds of organizations in the county, and a few members at large. Any adult in the county can express his wishes about the program through his representative.

If you belong to a business organization, a professional association, a labor union, a church, a fraternal organization, a service club, or a neighborhood group, you should have a representative on the steering committee. If you are not a member of any of these organizations, you can still have a representative on the steering committee. You can be a member of the steering committee by filling out a card and sending it to the steering committee, c/o Clatsop County Health Department, 206 S. Third St., Astoria, Ore. 97103.

The Cancer Program Physician to Show Methods Of Self-Cancer Examination

This week the cancer program brings selected questions and answers from the question-and-answer period of the weekly radio broadcast.

1. Where can I find a procedure for breast examination?
Consult your physician. You can also arrange for a showing of the film "Breast Self-Examination" to women's groups by calling the county health department Astoria 519.
2. Is bleeding always a sign of cancer?
No, but bleeding should be promptly and carefully investigated to determine if it is due to cancer.
3. I have a light brown mole on my back which I've never noticed before. Do you think I should have it investigated?
If it increases in size, changes color, or is subject to chronic irritation, it should be brought to the attention of your physician.
4. Are all breast lumps cancer?

Budget 1-24-52 Movie on Cancer Shown at YW

"Choose to Live" was the title of a cancer film shown Tuesday evening, January 22 at the regular meeting of the Business and Professional Women's Club.

The group had the opportunity of hearing talks by Dr. Leonard Kahl, county health officer, and Dr. William M. Burget. Dr. Kahl discussed the Clatsop county cancer program. Dr. Burget gave a talk on cancer, in which he emphasized the importance of periodic examinations. He also served as discussion leader for the question-and-answer period which followed.

All of the physicians of Clatsop county are now prepared to offer this examination, it was stated. Clatsop county is the only county in Oregon in which this examination is being offered. The program is sponsored locally by the County Medical Society, County Health Department, and local chapter of the American Cancer Society.

Second Highest Death Cause In Clatsop County Is Cancer

Budget Feb 7-1952

This week the Clatsop county cancer program brings a message from the county health officer, Dr. Leonard M. Kahl.

"Cancer is the second highest cause of death in the U. S. . . the number of cases is increasing."

Each year, an estimated 250,000 new cancer cases are reported in the United States. These are a fact about the nation.

"It seems appropriate at this point to investigate the facts for Clatsop county to see what the magnitude of the problem is here at home."

An examination of records for the years 1949, 1950 and 1951 shows the following information for Clatsop county:

For these three years, cancer was the second-highest cause of death; the number of deaths from cancer has increased each year: 35 in 1949, 43 in 1950, and 50 in 1951; 12.2 per cent of deaths in 1949 were from cancer, 14.5 per cent in 1950, 16.2 per cent in 1951. This means that approximately 1/4 of all deaths in Clatsop county were from cancer in 1949, about 1/3 in 1950, and almost 1/2 in 1951.

"The opportunity provided here by the Clatsop County Cancer program, it is hoped, will reverse that trend. The cancer screening examinations offered by physicians in this county should bring to light some of the early cases while they are still curable, thus lowering the death rate. The health department is therefore actively supporting this program."

Send your questions on cancer or the Clatsop County Cancer program to: The Cancer Program Editor, P. O. Box 206, Astoria. Suitable questions will be answered on the regular weekly radio broadcast of the Clatsop County Cancer program on KAST every Thursday noon at 12:40. You need not sign your questions.

Letters to the cancer program

By preventing irritation to any part of the body. Specifically, protection from over-exposure to the sun and wind, prompt repair of all birth injuries to the womb, permitting the breasts to function normally, repair of jagged teeth, avoidance of ill-fitting dental plates, self-control in using tobacco.

11. Is pain an early symptom of cancer?

No, except in a cancer or bone or nerve tissue.

12. What are some of the more important precancerous lesions?

Warts, spots, discolorations on the skin, particularly the face; sores caused by jagged teeth and ill-fitting dental plates; dark-colored moles subject to irritation; unpaired injuries due to child birth. These should all be investigated by a physician.

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The Cancer Program

Cancer Examinations Planned By Clatsop County Doctors

Editor's note: The following column is the first of a series to be provided by the Clatsop county cancer program, a joint effort sponsored by the county and state health departments, the County Health association and the Clatsop county chapter of the national cancer foundation.

What is this Clatsop county cancer program?

This is a program which aims to save the lives of many who would otherwise die from cancer. It is designed to discover early cases of cancer in their curable stages.

How will this be done?

The physicians of this county are prepared to offer special cancer screening examinations in

their offices, and the public will be encouraged to make regular appointments for early medical attention when there are warning signs, as well as for the scheduled periodic examinations.

Who should have these examinations?

It is a good idea for anyone to have an annual physical examination, but it is especially important for everyone over 40 to have this special kind of examination once a year. Also, anyone who notices any of cancer's danger signals should go to a physician without delay.

What are those cancer danger signals which are often the first symptoms noticed?

1. Any sore that does not heal.
2. Unusual bleeding or discharge.
3. A lump or thickening, in the breast or elsewhere.
4. Any change in a wart or mole.
5. Persistent indigestion or difficulty in swallowing.
6. Persistent hoarseness or cough.
7. Any change in normal bowel habits.

Which doctors are giving these examinations?

All of the physicians in Clatsop county.

How much will these examinations cost?

35. What does this examination include?

Examination of the common accessible locations which can be examined without special equipment. About one-half of all cancers are found in these spots.

Are these examinations being offered everywhere in Oregon?

No, only in Clatsop county. The

County TB Group Discusses Chest X-ray Survey Here

Another mass chest x-ray survey tentatively scheduled for the coming summer was the subject of a discussion on tuberculosis case finding projects when the board of directors of the county tuberculosis and health association met Thursday evening, according to members of the health group.

The chest x-ray surveys are now sponsored officially by health departments and the equipment and additional personnel is furnished by the state board of health. The local tuberculosis and health association furnishes supplies; carries on health education work, promotion and recruitment of community volunteers.

Since 1945 there have been six chest x-ray surveys conducted in the county and a total of approximately 36,730 chest x-rays taken in these programs. President Kenneth Graver presided at the meeting which was attended by board members from Westport, Knappa, Brownsmead, Warrenton and Seaside as well as Astoria members.

Oregon state board of health has provided the necessary funds for a cancer educational program here.

Who is sponsoring this program locally?

The Clatsop County Medical society, Clatsop county health department, and Clatsop county chapter of the American Cancer Society.

What is this community steering committee we've been hearing about?

The community steering committee is the board of directors for the cancer educational program. They meet the second and fourth Thursday evenings of each month. Through the members of this committee, the general public should be allowed to express its wishes. All the different kinds of organizations in the county have representatives on this committee.

Send your questions on cancer or the Clatsop county cancer program to: The Cancer Program Editor, P. O. Box 206, Astoria, Oregon. Suitable questions will be answered on the regular weekly radio broadcast of the Clatsop county cancer program on KAST every Thursday noon at 12:40.

Letters to the cancer program editor are invited. The best of these letters will be printed in this column from time to time. Send your letters to the Cancer Program Editor, P. O. Box 206, Astoria, Oregon.

County Health and Welfare Programs Explained to AAUW

The workings of the two benevolent agencies who aid those in the county who are in need of assistance, the county health office and the county welfare commission, were explained to members of the Astoria branch of AAUW Tuesday evening at the home of Mrs. Clayton Mousse.

Dr. Leonard Kahl, county health officer, and Bertha Roth, executive head of the county welfare commission, were on hand to explain to a large attendance the duties and achievements of their respective agencies.

Basic Functions

Dr. Kahl listed the basic functions of the county health office, including the compiling of vital statistics; sanitation; prevention of communicable disease; laboratory tests; mother and child care, and health education.

Under vital statistics, Dr. Kahl stated, were the registering of vital events, births and deaths and the issuing of certification of death.

Under sanitation comes inspection of water sewage, garbage, nuisances, GL and FHA loans, schools, restaurants, foster homes for children, youth camps, and

Lab Tests

Laboratory tests include those on water, TB, and venereal disease. Communicable disease prevention covers venereal disease, TB and all forms of epidemic disease.

Mother and child care and adult education include maternity functions, well-baby clinics, pre-school children clinics, visits to schools on athlete examinations, etc., state audio aid, child guide clinics, etc.

The health office also handles under a long list of miscellany cooperation with civil defense drivers licenses, draft board examinations and scout examinations.

Welfare Aids Many

Mrs. Roth gave a concise and complete resume of the workings of the welfare commission in the county through its aid to the blind, dependent children, the aged, the permanently disabled and its child welfare program.

Both explanatory talks were followed by a question and answer period, in which Dr. Kahl and Mrs. Roth went into further detail in clearing up queries by the AAUW members.

Members tentatively planned a noon luncheon for their February meeting. It was also announced that contributions of member talent was being sought by the state AAUW for the state convention to be held in Klamath Falls in April. These will include water, oil and other creative art Hostesses with Mrs. Morse were the Mesdames Donovan Mitchell, Afton Zundel, Fred Thomas, Russell Sinnhuber and Miss Lillian Bergstrom.

How Is Your Cancer IQ?-- Questions Asked, Answered

This week the cancer program brings you a cancer quiz: (Choose one) cause of death in the United States

2. Is the number of cancer cases increasing or decreasing?

3. Cancer is a mildly contagious disease. Is this statement true or false?

4. When treated in its early stages 30%, 95%, 10% (choose one) of skin cancer can be cured.

5. Why is early diagnosis so important in curing cancer?

6. Can aluminum pots, canned foods, or electric refrigerators cause cancer?

7. Do young children ever have cancer?

8. Are patent medicines, salves or any other form of self-treatment

of any use in curing cancer?

9. The three effective methods of curing cancer are:

10. What is the relation of food to cancer?

Answers

1. Cancer is second cause of death in the U. S.

2. The number of cancer cases is increasing. The number of cancer deaths in the U. S. has increased from 41,000 in 1900 to 197,042 in 1948.

3. Cancer is not a contagious disease. Statement is false.

4. When treated in its early stages 95 per cent of skin cancer can be cured.

5. Early diagnosis is so important in curing cancer because the earlier it is discovered the better the chance of cure.

6. No, aluminum pots, canned foods, or electric refrigerators do not cause cancer.

7. Yes, young children have cancer, but it is comparatively rare among young children.

8. No, patent medicines, salves, or any other form of self-treatment are not of any use in curing cancer.

9. The three effective methods of curing cancer are: Surgery, x-ray and radium.

10. In general, so far as is known, no food or combination of foods has any influence on the cause or cure of cancer.

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Business Women Hear Talks About Fight on Cancer

Health was the purport of the meeting of the Business and Professional Women at the YWCA Tuesday evening, arranged by Miss Ruth Rankin, chairman of the health committee.

Dr. Leonard Kahl explained the cancer prevention program started in Astoria, illustrated by a movie, "Choose to Live" operated by Ruben Jensen.

Dr. W. M. Burget told of the aid of the cancer prevention program, answering questions from the members at the close of the talk.

Guests attending were Miss Irene Jorgenson, Mrs. Harold Leigh, Mrs. Alvin Pollard, Miss Catherine Fleming, Mrs. Henry Nopson, Miss Bess Spicer and Miss Charlotte Hess were hostesses.

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MONEY GIVEN—Dr. Leonard Kahl, county health officer, is shown above receiving a check for \$240 from Jack Hayes, commander-elect of the American Legion post for the purchase of autoclave sterilizing equipment for use by the county health department. Hayes also presented a check to Bill Van Dusen, chairman of a committee in charge of obtaining funds for the purchase of an incubator-airlock machine, for St. Marys hospital. The checks were given at a Monday night ceremony at the American Legion hall. (Nolan Photo)



FRUIT OF DRIVE—Clatsop American Legion post, which launched its annual magazine subscription drive this week, presented an autoclave to the Clatsop county health department out of proceeds of last year's drive. Orris Berg, left, post commander, is shown after giving the autoclave to Dr. Leonard

Kahl, county health officer. Mrs. Ellen Tolonen, health department nurse, looks it over. "We use it every day," Dr. Kahl said, "for sterilizing equipment." Legion officials will decide within the next few days what to do with proceeds of this year's subscription drive. (Nolan Photo)

(over) Seek Shots for Crippler *Budget* 2-25-57



Polio shot-seekers, nearly 1200 strong, were on hand at the old KAST building Saturday afternoon for free polio vaccine administered by the Clatsop county medical society and Clatsop county health officer. Teams of doctors and

nurses shot the youngsters, some of whom were getting first, second and third shots. Officials were amazed and delighted by the turnout. Another clinic will be held in two weeks and a third later in the spring. (A-B Photo)

'Tine' Test Administered

Mrs. Lloyd Fletcher, left, receives a "tine" tuberculosis test from public health nurse Mrs. Nettie Condit. The test is administered with a four-pronged tine, shown on Mrs. Fletcher's arm. The prongs are impregnated with serum for testing for tuberculosis sensitivity and if the subject has tuberculosis bacilli, a swelling will appear. Testing dates for the Astoria area are April 23 and 28, according to Mrs. Fletcher, Clatsop County Tuberculosis and Health Association executive secretary.

Group Maps 'Tine' TB Test Plans

The Clatsop Tuberculosis-Health association is busy organizing its program to give "tine" tuberculosis tests to an estimated 3600 school children in Clatsop county next month.

The project will be financed from funds received from the association's annual Christmas seal sale.

Tine tuberculosis tests are simple, quick and efficient in determining presence of tuberculosis bacilli, association officials said.

A small capsule with three small tines on the end is pressed against the skin, which has been sterilized for the test. Each tine is only 1/64th inch long and barely penetrates. If tuberculosis bacilli are present, the skin turns red. The test is painless.

Seventeen nurses and PTA members met Wednesday to work out plans for the testing, which will start in April. Mrs. Robert Cordiner, president of the county nurses' association, presided.

Teams of registered nurses, assisted by PTA members, are being organized to administer the test. A chairman nurse will be named in each school district.

The association has arranged with schools to have forms sent out to every child's home, to be filled out by parents to give consent to have the test administered. This form and an accompanying letter will be mailed next week.

Charles Althaefer, of the Oregon TB-Health Association and Frank Smith of the Oregon Board of Health will be in Clatsop county next Monday through Wednesday to confer with teachers and principals of all schools regarding the testing program.

1703 Get^{4/12/54} Oral Vaccine Wednesday *Daily Astorian*

A total of 1703 persons took advantage of the Sabin oral vaccine make-up clinic held Wednesday at the Astoria Elks building for those who missed the mass clinics Saturday. This brings the grand total of residents of Clatsop county immunized against Type I poliomyelitis virus, to 13,969.

Members of the County Medical Society's Sabin vaccine committee had anticipated that approximately 1000 persons would utilize the Wednesday make-up clinic and were gratified at the results. The Medical Society also anticipated that 15,000 in all would take advantage of the first mass immunization clinic, but were very pleased with the nearly 14,000 figure reached.

The Medical Society, sponsors of the Sabin oral immunization program against polio, gave credit for success of the first clinics to the Astoria, Seaside and Warrenton Jaycees, for their organizational work; to the PTA groups of the county, the County Nurses Association, and to the county health office and nurses where all of the administrative work was carried out for the program.

Next mass clinic in the series of three will be held at the same seven locations as the first clinics. May 12: Type III poliomyelitis viruses will be immunized against at these clinics. Cost of the May 12 dosages to persons taking advantage of the Sabin immunization program will be reduced to 25 cents each. Members of the Sabin committee said that possibly an additional location or two might be utilized for future clinics if the manpower problem among the medical people involved can be resolved.

Plan Use Of Oral Vaccine

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The Clatsop Medical Society will offer mass immunization against polio to all Clatsop residents this spring, a spokesman for the society said Wednesday.

The oral Sabin vaccine will be used, the medical society said. The project will be similar to one announced earlier this week by the medical societies of Multnomah, Clackamas and Washington counties for 600,000 inhabitants of those three counties.

Hop to Reach 27,000

Details have not yet been developed, however, local physicians said. Estimated population of Clatsop county is 27,000 people and the medical society hopes to reach all of them, children and adults alike. "A new era in immunizing methods is entered with the use of the oral Sabin vaccine," a medical society statement said.

"The vaccine is in liquid form, to be swallowed, and has been given on sugar cubes in previous highly successful mass administrations. The plans call for the vaccine to be given at nominal cost by volunteer service of physicians, nurses, pharmacists and other personnel."

Stated in April, the immunization project is planned to start before the end of April at times to be arranged by planning with school authorities.

Drs. J. V. Straumfjord, R. D. Nettles and C. K. Linehan form the committee planning the program for the Medical Society.

"The project will require help of many in the community," the society's spokesman declared.

Details of the project will be developed soon and will be made public as soon as possible. Ample advertising will be done so that all people of the county can become familiar with the program and aware of how to acquire their immunization.

Medical Society officials said 640,000 people have been immunized in Phoenix, Ariz., where the program was attempted with great success.



Those attending special clinics at the county health office on Commercial street are greeted by a nursing staff dressed in old-fashioned uniforms and Centennial dress, as the four above, from left,

Ellen Tolonen, Rose Relth, Katherine Vaughn, office secretary, and Nettie Condit, are displaying. The staff will be wearing the uniforms throughout the Centennial. (A-B Photo)

First Sabin Polio Vaccine Clinic Sat.

April 14, 1963

The first in a series of three clinics utilizing the Sabin oral vaccine in mass immunization against poliomyelitis will be held Saturday, April 14, at seven locations throughout Clatsop county.

Different from other polio clinics of the past, these clinics will not involve injections.

The Sabin vaccine will be given in one of two ways, either saturated in a cube of sugar or in two ounces of purified water. Other clinics for immunization against polio virus type III will be held May 12 and polio virus type II June 9.

Locations and hours of the April 14 clinics are:

Westport grade school—10 a.m. to 12 noon.
Cannon Beach grade school—10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Seaside high school—10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Astoria high school—10 a.m. to 12 noon.

Astoria school and downstairs of the Elks building in Astoria, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Cost of the first dosage will be 50 cents per person, with any one family not to pay more than \$2.50. Cost for the May 12 and June 9 vaccine will be 25 cents each. No one will be turned away.

The Clatsop County Medical Society is sponsoring the program with assistance of the Jaycee and PTA organizations of the county, the Clatsop County Nurses' Association and others. Medical Society Sabin immunization chairman Dr. Jon Straumfjord estimated that probably 15,000 Clatsop county residents will take advantage of the program which will, if the series is completed, offer lifetime protection against the presently known strains of poliomyelitis virus.

Doctors urged that everyone including infants six weeks of age and older join in the Sabin oral immunization program. Those who received Salk vaccine should take Sabin vaccine, they said. The Salk vaccine protected against only one of the three types of known polio virus.

Time Tuberculin Program Lagging

Mrs. Nettie Condit, public health nurse, reported that response to the time tuberculin testing this year is not as gratifying as in 1962. This may be because children in the 7th and 12th grades were tested last year and do not realize the importance of this year's test, she said. Any child who might be a positive reactor this year and was not last year, would definitely indicate a source case of active TB. This is the main reason for tuberculosis control program being carried on in this manner.

Funds for tuberculin testing are furnished through the Christmas Seal campaign. The Clatsop County Tuberculosis and Health association urged parents of 1st, 7th and 12th graders, and all newly enrolled students, to be sure their children receive the tuberculin test when it is offered in school.

Rawls Resigns County Health Post

Dr. Noel B. Rawls, county health officer for the past year, Wednesday submitted his resignation to the county court effective July 1.

Application will be made to the State Board of Health for assignment of a full time doctor to replace Dr. Rawls. If the board has none available, then a doctor from this area ranks will be sought to handle the job as Rawls has done on a part-time basis.

Births Declining ---

Downward Trend On For Past 10 Years

Births in Clatsop county continued their downward trend again in 1962, for the tenth consecutive year, according to Mrs. Buckley Vaughn, county registrar of vital statistics.

In 1962 there were 318 babies born in Astoria and 86 in Seaside for a total 404 for the year. The record for births in the county was in 1952 when 1011 were reported. Since that time they have steadily decreased with 944 in 1953; 843, in 1954; 735, in 1955; 698, in 1956; 692, in 1957; 615, in 1958; 549, in 1959; 502, in 1960 and 459 in 1961. Births in both Astoria and Seaside have declined at about the same rate.

Of the 404 births in 1962, 204 were girls and 200 were boys. The decline in births can be

attributed in part to the decline of population, the increased average older age of the population here, and fewer young married couples settling in the county because of decreasing job opportunities.

Deaths in the county during 1962 numbered 382, more than any other year in the past decade. Of this total 241 were in the Astoria area and 101 in the Seaside area. This is the fourth year in a row that there have been more deaths than births in the Seaside area. The spread between deaths and births in the Astoria area is growing less each year with the 318 births,

as compared with the 241 deaths, the smallest difference of any in the last 13 years.

Class in Medical Self-Help Set

Training in medical self-help for

ing offered by the Clatsop County Health department.

Dr. Noel Rawls, county health officer, said the training is available to groups of individuals, preferably 20 or more in number, on application to the county health office.

Instructors are from a group of 45 local nurses who have taken the training, and will be aided by first-aid instructors of the Clatsop Red Cross chapter.

About 100 Clatsop people already have taken the course.

Instruction is provided in such things as artificial respiration, treatment of burns, bandaging and triage, bleeding, child care including delivery of babies under emergency conditions, and the like.

Death Takes Rose Reith



ROSE REITH

Death came early Saturday in a local hospital following an extended illness to Mrs. Rose S. Reith, prominent Astoria nurse and public health worker and a member of one of this area's best known families. Mrs. Reith, 70, had been in ill health for three years and had during this time been hospitalized a number of times. She had currently been a patient in the hospital for five days.

During her long career, Mrs. Reith had been active in numerous civic and fraternal functions as well as her work in the public health field.

She was born June 20, 1894, in Cavalier, N. D., the daughter of Andrew and Prudence Anderson. She came as a child of five to Bellingham, Wash., and from there six years later to Astoria.

After graduating from Astoria high school in 1913, she entered nurses training at St. Mary hospital Nursing school two years later, graduating in 1916. Soon after she went to work as a registered nurse at the war-time Wilson shipyard in West Astoria. During the influenza epidemic of that period, she opened a hospital as an auxiliary to local facilities at the request of doctors to care for the many who could not be accommodated in the one hospital here at that time. During intervening years, much of her time was spent

working as a private duty nurse.

Married in 1919, she and her surviving husband, Floyd H. Reith, were married in Astoria in the house which has been their home for many years. After their marriage, Mr. and Mrs. Reith lived for three years in Chinook and then moved to Walla Walla, Wash., where Mrs. Reith did private duty nursing during their seven year stay there.

Mr. and Mrs. Reith have lived in Astoria since 1929. She had been an office nurse for Dr. R. W. Kulberg for 12 years and for another 12 years, was Clatsop county juvenile officer. She had recently been employed as a health department until her retirement because of illness in 1962. In addition to her other activities, she had during her earlier years here been a school nurse.

Mrs. Reith was a member of the First Presbyterian church; a past matron of the Order of Eastern Star, past mother adviser for the Rainbow Girls, a former officer in the Clatsop county Tuberculosis and Health association, a past president of the American Legion auxiliary, a member of Netel grange, Clatsop county Nurses association, Zonta club, Daughters of the Nile, Eight and Forty, and was at one time chosen "Woman of the Year" by the Beta Sigma Phi sorority.

Husband Survives

Surviving are her husband Floyd H. Reith Sr., 690 Franklin; two sons Floyd H. Reith Jr., Astoria, and Carl F. Reith, Bellevue, Wash.; two brothers, Sophus B. Anderson, Spokane, Wash., and Walter O. Anderson, Astoria; four grandchildren; one great grandchild, and nieces and nephews, several of whom the Reiths helped to rear.

Details of services, which will be Tuesday at 1:30 p.m., are being announced by the Hughes-Ransom mortuary.

New Books for Library from TB & Health



Mrs. Lloyd Fletcher, Executive Secretary Clatsop County Tuberculosis and Health Association, presenting books to Elmer Fisher, librarian, on behalf of the TB association. These volumes include, "The Gentle Legions," by Richard Carter and gives a vivid account of the work of voluntary health associations. Other volumes concern family life education and reference. These books have been presented to the library to make them more readily available for public use.

Court Signs Order for Jury Panel

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Business of the County Court during regular sessions Wednesday included signing of an order for the 1963 jury panel. Five hundred Clatsop county citizens were listed as potential jurors at various court levels during 1963.

Commissioners signed an order calling for sealed bids for installation of concrete pavement on the Clatsop county parking area at the rear of the county health building at 9th and Commercial in Astoria. Lower Columbia Dairy and the new Ymast building are having their respective areas of the parking lot paved at their expense.

Cost of paving the county portion was estimated at \$2860.

Commissioners took under advisement a request from A. H. Hawkins and James Davis to cut under wood and logs from county property located near Perkins road.

A Clatsop county mental health advisory committee to the court, court was established. Representatives of the group attended to make a formal request.

Members of the new group include Mrs. Phil Everett, Clatsop County Association for Retarded Children; Dr. J. V. Straumfjord, Clatsop County Medical Association; Mrs. Lawrence Pardee, Thomas Osborn, County School Superintendent's office; Roy Seeborg, superintendent of the Astoria school district; George K. Shaber, Clatsop college; the Rev. Wesley Lockman Jr., Pioneer Presbyterian church; Phil Everett, Retarded Children's group; Mrs. Ma. Lancaster, classroom teacher Lewis and Clark district 5; Mrs. Frank Hayner, Clatsop County PTA; Arthur N. Roth, Mrs. Berit Roth, Public Welfare commission.

Dr. Robert Neikes, and Mrs. Cathrine Elder, executive secretaries of the alcoholism information and referral center.

Health Department Expanding Offices

Remodeling of the Clatsop county health department's building at 9th and Commercial is nearing completion.

Remodeling came at a cost of \$33,500 by Astoria contractor Walter Mathre.

Expansion of offices in the one-story building, which houses the county health department and seven employees, was suggested by part-time county health officer Dr. Noel Rawls last January.

Dr. Rawls will resign his post at the Astoria Clinic June 1 to take over as full-time health officer.

Astoria architects Brown and Brown planned the remodeling.

The building was constructed in the early 1920s and was used as a bank. Radio station KAST occupied the building for a time after the bank moved.

More Rain Predicted

More rain tonight and Friday was the US Weather Bureau's prediction for the Sunset Empire this morning.

The high pressure dome which brought nearly four weeks of fine March weather to the area has gone. A mild upper air disturbance came through this morning, bringing light rain that totalled only 0.02 inch as measured at Clatsop airport. But another storm system was forming west of Vancouver island. It is expected to move into southern Oregon and northern California, reaching the coast late Friday morning. It won't bring much wind to the Astoria area, but will bring more rain, the Weather Bureau said.

The weather is expected to continue cool at least through Friday. A low of 38 degrees was predicted here tonight.



Remodeling is under way in the county health building, 9th and Commercial, for expansion of county health offices. Top photo shows men

installing new door at right. Contractor for the remodeling is Walter Mathre. Exterior view shows new windows recently installed.

Meeting Called To Plan Rabies Vaccine Clinics

Representatives of medical, nursing and farm groups have been invited to an organizational meeting tonight at the county health office to organize a series of rabies inoculation clinics for dogs and cats.

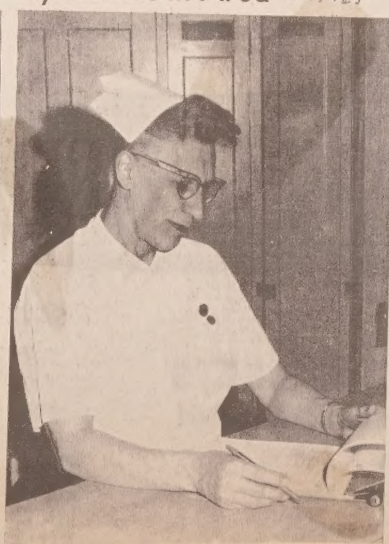
The clinics are to be held as result of the recent discovery of a rabid bat in southern Clatsop county.

Dr. Monroe Holmes, state health department veterinarian; Dr. Marvin Adams, Clatsop county veterinarian, and Dr. Noel Rawls, county health officer, will be on hand to outline plans for the clinics.

5485 in County Receive X-Rays

Mrs. Al Mather, X-ray chairman for the Clatsop county TB & Health association, reported that 5,485 residents of the county received free X-Rays. Cards are being mailed. "It takes a week or 10 days to process the film", Mrs. Mather said, "and often even if two people from the same family took consecutive X-rays, it may be a day or two between the card returns." Followup X-rays will be given at Seaside at the Elks club May 6 and at the health department in Astoria May 7. A report on the follow-up X-rays will be announced later, Mrs. Mather said.

Variety of Duties Busy Nurses in Area



Three phases of nursing are shown here. Public health nurse (above left), registered nurse (above right) and volunteer nurse are all familiar sights. During Hospital Week (May 8-15) nurses are being honored for their work. Public health nurse is Mrs. E. H. Condit giving pre-school examination to 8-year-old Patricia Peterson. Mrs. Ann Henderson of Columbia hospital has been a registered nurse for 25 years and has been at Columbia for two years. Mrs. Helen Magee is volunteer nurse working with elderly people at St. Mary nursing home. Mrs. Magee combs hair of Mrs. Harriet Fix in a typical afternoon task. (Daily Astorian Photos)



Rabies clinics for vaccination of dogs and cats in the county were planned at a recent meeting. Attending the meeting were (from left, standing) Ron Weld and Hugh Mason, Astoria JCs; Mrs. Carl Tolonen, county health nurse; Cecil Brim, county dog control officer; (seated) Dr. Marvin Adams,

county veterinarian; Dr. Noel Rawls, county health officer; Sylvia Severson, county health nurse; Mrs. Lloyd Fletcher, TB and Health association, and Mrs. Ed Condit, county health nurse. Three clinics will be held at various points in the county. (Jack Wood Photo)

RABIES CLINIC

SEASIDE:

4:00-7:30 P.M.

May 18 . . . City Hall

SVENSEN:

6:00-8:00 P.M.

May 19 . . . Fire Hall

ASTORIA:

4:00-7:30 P.M.

May 20 . . . 4-H Fair Grounds

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Rural Ramblings: Pets to Get Rabies Vaccine at Clinics

By JACK WOOD
County Extension Agent

A county-wide vaccination program for dogs and cats was planned recently by the county health authorities in cooperation with the state health department, Astoria Junior Chamber of Commerce, county veterinarian, TB and Health association and the county extension service.

The program, planned to vaccinate as many dog and cat pets as possible, has been brought about by finding one rabied bat.

This makes infection among other rodents, including skunk, possum and racoon, very possible. This becomes a threat to pets and in turn persons handling the pets.

Vaccination clinics will be set up by the Astoria Jaycees at three centers in the county. All dog and cat owners will be encouraged to take their pets to be vaccinated at the nearest clinic. The charge will be 50 cents per pet and Dr. Marvin Adams will do the vaccinating with assistance from the state health department.

Clinic dates are set but places have not all been determined. Dates are May 18, 4 to 8 p.m. at Seaside; May 19, 5 to 7:30 p.m., at Knappa-Svensen; and Thursday, May 20, 4 to 8 p.m., at the county fair building, Astoria.

Strawberry Fruit Rot

When strawberry bloom is about 5 to 10 per cent complete, fruit rot fungi are beginning to infect the newly formed fruit with fungus tissue. If the growing season turns cool and damp the fungus grows profusely and

covers much of the ripening berry.

Control is most effective by starting in this early bloom stage with captan or thiram sprays, used according to directions. These are available from local garden dealers. Four of five sprayings may be necessary at weekly intervals if moist weather prevails, and these should be applied as soon after rainy periods as possible.

Holstein Sale

Forty-six holstein heifers will be sold at public auction by the state May 15 at 12 noon at the Cottage Farm five miles southeast of Salem, on the old Aunsville highway.

The heifers are from the penitentiary annex herd of 247 cows which had a 1964 official production record of 17,296 pounds of milk and 627 pounds of butterfat, according to Cliff Conrad, farms administrator for the State Board of Control which supervises the institutions.

Conrad said the sale heifers are from dams with individual 305 day production records as high as 25,646 pounds of milk and 856 pounds of butterfat.

The heifers are surplus to the institution dairy needs and must be sold or slaughtered. Conrad stated that because of the high production records behind these heifers they are of more value to the dairy industry of the state than they are for meat and it would be a waste to slaughter them. The decision to offer them to the public, he adds, was also influenced by the many requests from producers for heifers from this herd.

Thirty have been inseminated

by All West Breeders from holstein sires and will start freshening in August.

All the heifers are calfhood vaccinated for brucellosis and the herd is T.B. and brucellosis accredited.

Sale catalogues may be obtained from the county agent or by writing Cliff Conrad, Farms Administrator, 20 Capitol Building, Salem.

Beef Cattle Field Day

Friday, May 28, starting at 9:30 a.m. Oregon beef producers will be guests of Oregon State university's animal science department for the annual Beef Cattle day at Withycombe hall on the Oregon State university campus in Corvallis.

Developments in beef feeding, breeding and marketing are featured at this meeting and ranchers have a chance to ask questions about their own management practices.

Clatsop ranchers will pool rides for the trip to Corvallis and any producer wishing a ride may call the extension agent.

500 dogs and cats get rabies shots

Nearly 500 dogs and cats, of all sizes and descriptions, received shots for rabies Tuesday afternoon at a clinic held at the city hall. The clinic was sponsored by the Oregon State Board of Health and the Clatsop county health department. H. B. Naylor, veterinarian, gave the shots with a group of volunteers assisting.

Most of the animals accepted the shots in a very philosophical manner, with no fuss or difficulty. A physician who had brought his dog in for a shot remarked on the fact, declaring that the dogs gave much less difficulty than kids. "Perhaps I should have the kids brought in on a leash," he said.

The only difficulty observed was when a cat, after having got its shot, suddenly found itself in the midst of the largest convocation of dogs it ever saw. It jumped from the arms of the small boy who was holding it and started down the street like a flash of lightning, with the boy in hot pursuit. He still was far behind as they went around a corner.

1000 Pets Get Rabies Shots Here

The rabies clinic was successfully concluded Thursday night when more than 1000 dogs and cats received vaccine at the 4-H Fair Grounds in Astoria. This was the third of the series of clinics in the county. Dr. H. B. Naylor, assistant state veterinarian, disease control section of the Department of Agriculture in Salem, assisted by Dr. H. M. Adams, local veterinarian, in giving the shots.

Volunteers from many organizations assisted in registering the animals and JCs handled finances and cleanup. Mrs. Nettie Condit, Mrs. Ellen Tolonen and Mrs. Sylvia Severson, county health nurses, mixed serum and assisted.

